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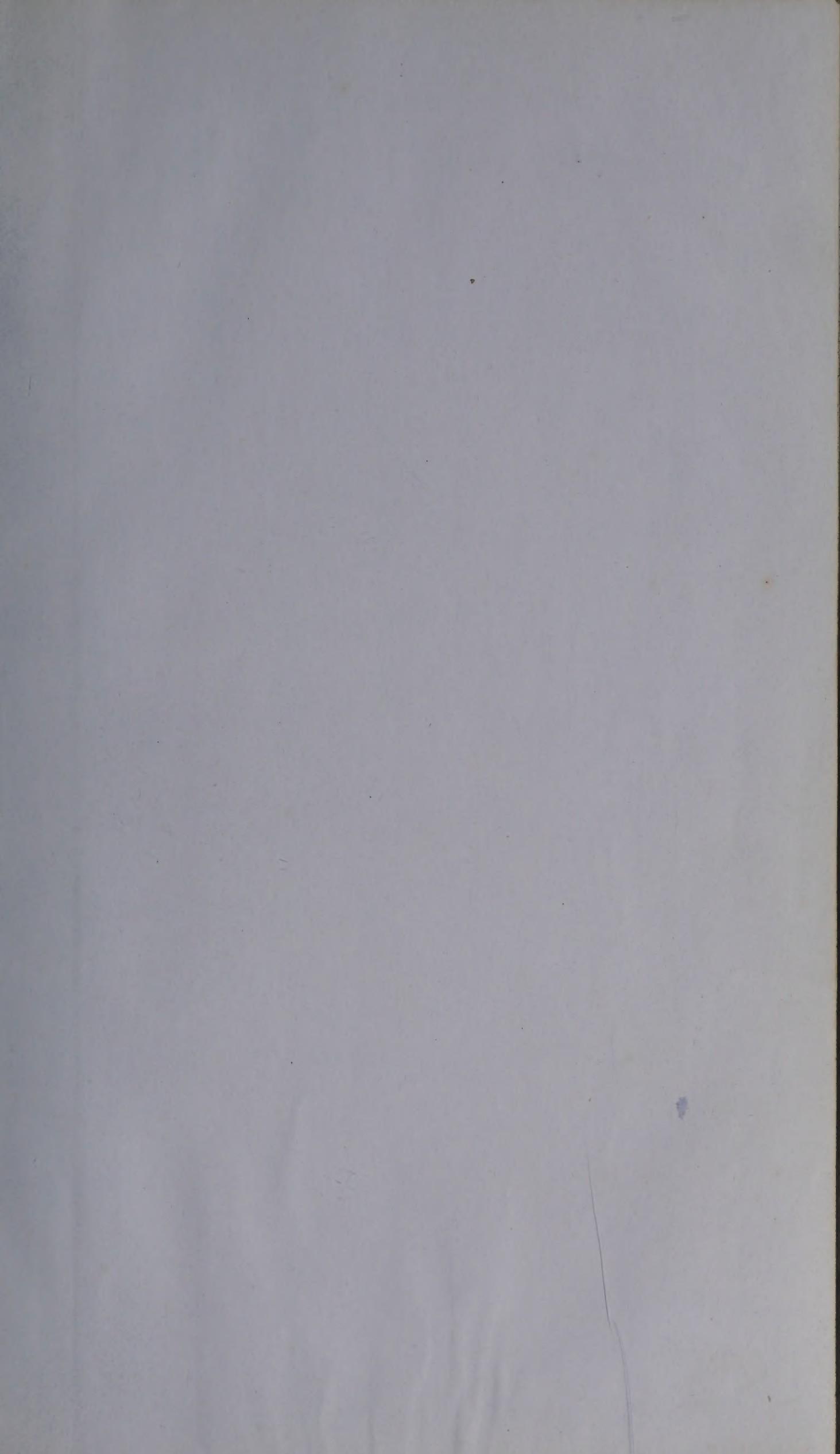
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At New England's Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Port by adjournments from the 14th of 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1852.

2^d day morning - Met agreeably to the adjournment of last year, and after a season of retirement proceeded to business.

By accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that the following Friends are appointed their Representatives to this Meeting - viz -

For Rhode-Island -- Avis Mumford, Elizabeth Mader, Mary Shove, Anna Mow, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Shove, Lydia C. Smith, Lois Perry, Anna Howland, and Phoebe C. Reynolds,

For Salem - Mary Chase, Hyrena J. Brusa, Elizabeth Page, Mary E. Brusa, Rachel B. Holbur, Ruth J. Challis, and Olivia C. Oliver

For Sandwich - Lucy H. Wing, Ruth Davis, Phoebe R. Gifford, Bulah W. Rogers, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah H. Anthony, Barbara Gifford, Betsy P. Wood and Elizabeth C. Wing

For Smithfield - Mary B. Farnum, Lydia R. Kelley, Roanara W. Grover, Mary B. Wing, Anna B. Earle, Catherine Comstock, Sarah D. Wheeler and Ruth Fay

For Falmouth - Lydia H. Jones, Cynthia Hanson, Unity Day, Abigail S. Goddard, Patience B. Winslow and June C. Minot

For Vassalborough - Anna Cass, Rachel W. Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Ann C. Robinson, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore S. Pope, and Patience Goddard

For Dover - Phoebe H. Mauer, Ruth Sawyer, Hannah G. Sawyer, Lydia Thompson, Jane H. Conney, Hannah Morris and Mary Jane Glussey

For Fairfield - Patience D. Swan, Olive Wing, Sarah W. Partidge, Lydia Shepherd, Eunice W. Harr, and Savina Jones, who are present except two - for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assigned

Through the medium of the accounts we are informed

we are informed, that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lois Perry to station of an Elder, Salem Quarterly Meeting, has united with Sea Brook Mo meeting, in the appointment of Ruth J' Chattle to the station of an Elder - Dover 2d Mo meeting, has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah B. Roberts, also with the same meeting, in the appointment of Moses Roberts to the station of an Elder - That Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with St Albans, Mo meeting in the appointment of Lois Beale and Thomas Partridge to the station of Elders -

Lively and acceptable Epistles from our dear Sisters of Dublin, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio and New York Yearly Meetings have been read at this time greatly to our encouragement & under a renewed sense that this our Epistolary correspondence strengthens the bond of Christian fellowship, we appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Phoebe R. Gifford, Lydia R. Kelley, Sarah A. Toby, Hannah Gould Jr., Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Betsy P. Wood, Theodore S. Pope, Miriam Newall, Rachel S. Howland, Eliza B. Boyce, Hannah T. Taber, Olivia C. Oliver, Ann Elmira Lang, Olive Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Patience H. Swan, Eunice Day, Elizabeth Wing, Mary B. Faureau, Susan Howland, and Elizabeth Meader, to take into consideration the subject of addressing our Beloved Sisters of other yearly meetings, and if way should open for it prepare Essays, and present to future sittings of this Meeting -

Certificates have been received on behalf of our beloved friends Daniel Barker from Holly Spring Mo Meeting N. Carolina - Harvey Derby Shew from Salem Mo Meeting Iowa, Charles Taber from Farnham Mo Meeting Canada West - Seneca Hazard from Ferrisburg Mo Meeting within the limits of Vt. (Grafton Mo Meeting Vermont) - Edith Puffett from West Lanes Mo Meeting, within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting Penn^a, Elizabeth R. Finch from Peru Mo Meeting held at Ausable N.Y., - and Eliza Buwer from Leeds Mo Meeting Canada West. -

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends
Jonah Stand and his wife Sarah Stand, 8 hours of Hope
well Mr. Melling, Josephine Brewster of Marlboro' Mr. Melling N. C.
companion to our friend Daniel Barker - Mrs. Kimball an
Elder from Westland Mr. Melling Penn^a) - and Lydia H. Stanley
from Redstone Worthington Penn^m, companions to our friend Edith
Griffith - Maria Gardner of Leeds Mr. Melling, in company
with wife Maria Gardner as companion to our friend Eliza Bu-
er, and of Paul Southwick from Peru Mr. Melling, companion
to our friend Charles Taber - Satisfactory testimonials from
these several meetings were read.

The company of the above named friends, with others in
attendance, from neighbouring Yearly Meetings has been a
strength and encouragement to us.

The certificates expressive of unity with our friends
as ministers & of their present religious engagements were read
to our satisfaction.

We appoint our friends Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah A. Toly,
Amanda Buffington, Hannah Merrill, and Lydia C. Smith,
to prepare a summary, to be read in connection with the
answers to the Queries.

The Representatives are requested to confer on the
subject of Clerks at the close of this sitting, and report
this afternoon.

2^d day afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader on behalf of the Repre-
sentatives, inform, that they have conferred together on
the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing Susan
Howland for Clerk and Eliza B. Boyce for assistant,
which being acceptable to the meeting, they are accord-
ingly appointed to that service.

An encouraging and interesting Epistle from our
dear Sisters of Indiana Yearly Meeting has been read at
this time - also the London Friends Epistle which has
been duly instructive. The admonition and counsel
with which it is replete, we trust will be to us as "leaves
of gold in pictures of silver". May we receive them to
our edification, and encouragement, in every good word
and work.

The minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting were read at this time.
We adjourned our friends, Mary Gifford, Mary E. Reed, Elizabeth
C. Wing, and Eliza A. Osburne, to prepare endorsements to the
places on the Certificates of our friends who are with us
from other Quarterly Meetings —

We have abundant cause to acknowledge that we
have been favoured to mingle together in religious exercise
& at this time permitted to feel a renewed evidence that as
we keep our minds under the humbling power of the Cross
of Christ, we shall know the springs of His life to arise
and the stone rolled from the wiles mouth & the flock
watered —

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet
tomorrow —

3^d day Morning much agreeable to Adjournment —
The Queries with answers from our several Quarterly
Meetings, in connection with a Summary prepared
therefrom by the friends appointed for that purpose
have been read at the present time, eliciting much lively
and instructive counsel and admonition which we trust
has impressed our minds, with a sense of our obligations
in fulfilling the requisitions of these important Queries —

Summary — All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended except a few small meetings
which omissions were occasioned by indisposition and
inclement weather — Those on 1st days have generally been
attended by the larger portion of our members, yet there is
a want of engagement in this important duty, particularly
in the attendance of midweek meetings, on which account
some care has been extended — The hour nearly observed;
mostly clear of sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour —

2^d Love, and unity in good usage maintained; detraction
guarded against by most friends, where differences have
arisen care has been taken to end them.

3^d We believe most friends are careful to bring up those under
their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel,
to discourage the perusal of pernicious books, and corrupt
conversation — and to be exemplary herein themselves;

yet

yet deficiencies are apparent, in supporting our testimony with regard to plainness of speech and apparel, and a more early care and restraint, is evidently wanting. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends families.

6th Careful in the several particulars of this Duty, except in a few instances of attending places of public amusement.

5th The circumstances of the poor are generally attended to, and their necessities relieved; Their children partake of learning to fit them for business, we know of none placed from among friends.

6th Many Parents and heads of families, with some of the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, where deviations have occurred, care has been ~~extended~~.

7th No violation of our testimony in these respects, except a few instances of attending meetings, which support a hireling Ministry.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, we know not but punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. 9. mostly clear as to recording, not wholly clear with regard to certificates, on which account some care has been taken.

10th There has been care to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as required after, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

X Under a solemnizing sense of our varied responsibilities, we adjourn to the time when Friends may meet this afternoon.

3rd day Afternoon Convened near the 4th hour An acceptable and lively Epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read and is grateful to our feelings. A very interesting report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and is as follows, viz X

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding

Boarding School at Providence, &c. &c. with the object of their appointment have received their attention. — Meetings of the Committee have been held at the school house monthly, and the schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee appointed for that service. The semiannual examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee.

The deportment of the scholars with a few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been the enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English education — correct reading, spelling and writing, and writing a good hand, while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly taught.

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school, and much labour has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, revised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several M^e Meetings; and it is a very desirable and important that Committees of M^e Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform

conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.

The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding the meetings for worship in the School-House, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School-Committee at their meeting June 1st and it was the conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should after that time, until the committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle in their several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our Society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.

During the last summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the schoolhouse, and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued Friend Geo' Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and further manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school.

At our meeting in the

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second month the committee came to the conclusion that the institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house, which the convenience health and comfort of the family require, and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the school for the coming summer term, for a thorough repair and renovation of the school house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the meeting for sufferings for their advise in relation thereto. That meeting advised and consented that the school should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorized to proceed with such of the repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that the present time it might be useful and interesting to remind friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a school for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our Society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year in 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devised

adequate to the design and importance of the subject." "And that it become the care of Friends, in future in all the meetings to promote annually subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions unnecessary."

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends in common with others, were labouring under many difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then existing between this country and Great Britain. — Nevertheless, in 1782 the meeting for sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in creation." — This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed fully of the income of the income in its possession. A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R.I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11^{mo}, 1784.

A very judicious code of regulations was prepared by the meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say — "Besides the literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate

adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest, to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for reopening the School was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided steps towards its establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

"Providence 4th 5th month 1814.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends— As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you, that in the course of my confinement from bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been universally under my consideration. And believing that a permanent Institution for the guarded education of the rising generation will be productive of their usefulness in Society, and the honour of truth, I have for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about 43 acres for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the meeting should appoint a committee, to view the ground and consider of the proposal in this or in any other way that appears to you best. As treasurer of the School Fund I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred dollars, with desire that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in conformity to the mind of Truth, that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude your affectionate friend,
Moses Brown."

Subscriptions were now universally recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the school upon a more extended plan and more permanent

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bated them before, which were so liberally made, that in sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown. Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interest of our Religious Society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st of 12th month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution; the following friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Pickles, Obidiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and Abraham Shaeffer, Jr. —

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the School. There are now many improvements and repairs proposer- all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a sub-
scription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be enter-
ed into with chearfulness and liberality. We trust there are
now among us, who will not be disposed to do something
for this institution — and however small may be the con-
tribution, that some individuals may feel themselves
able to make, it will be acceptable and place them on the
list of those, who according to their ability, are benefactors
to an institution alike intended for the benefit of all — the
usefulness of which has already been extensively felt
within our borders, and which we trust under the blessing
of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not
only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

We have during the past year the services of Silas & Sarah. J. Cornell as superintendents, — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stephens as teachers in the boy's school with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the summer, and for Wm. Gospur Mitchell for the winter term.

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls school, assisted during the winter by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given during the summer term by George Pierce, and the winter term by Charles F. Brownell.

Elizabeth Grosser has also as last year been engaged as teacher of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has also been given in the French language.

The average number of scholars have been 89, viz 48 males and 41 females.

The account of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund has been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending for the winter term have been

By Superintendent — — —	\$ 15,168 30
Interest and insurance paid by treasurer,	<u>159 17</u>

The income from the School Fund —	\$ 6,838 51
Balance in treasurer's hands last year, — —	178 81
Hire of Manufacturer's Banks, — — —	2,500 00
Advanced by the Treasurer — — — —	<u>51 85</u>
From board Tuition and other sources, — — — —	\$ 7,569 17
including balance in Superintendents ^{hands} last year, — — — —	<u>6,034 95</u>
Leaving unexpended in Superintendents hands — — — —	<u>276 65</u>
	<u>\$15,327 47</u>

From income of funds specially appropriated to this purpose, a further sum has been expended on the building premises, of — — — — — \$ 390 00

We recommend that the terms of last year for board & tuition be continued — books and stationary being charged at

actual cash, viz: - for members of our Monthly Meeting thirty dollars per term for members of other M^t Meetings, fifty dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Monthly Meeting forty five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others that may be admitted, fifty dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the ninth and third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

We trust the cause of education and the religious training of the youth of our Society are held in a favorable estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches.

This Institution for the guarded education of the youth of our Society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shone so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will we trust, continue to be the object of un-diminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A Chase, Clerk.
Providence, 6th month, 1st 1852.

A very interesting Report at the Boarding School has been made at this time which is satisfactory and encouraging and we appoint our friends Mary A Smith, Elizabeth H. Hunter, Susan P Brown, Eliza B Boyce, Lydia Congdon, Abby R King, Ruth Eure, Ruth Fry, Lydia H Jones, Cynthia Hanson, Theodore S Pope, Anna Cates, Abigail M. Parsons, Ruth Sawyer, Sarah J Sampson & Alice Wing to work with a Committee of men friends, in proposing the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee to serve the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our worthy aged friend Stephen Jones has been read to our comfort and instruction, giving a renewed evidence of the power of redeeming grace through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting having proposed to this meeting to alter a portion of our Discipline. We appoint our friends Anna D King, Mary Shoe, William Newall, Susan P Brown, Ruth Baker, Lydia Collettell, Thiby Andrews, Elizabeth Osborne, Jane C Minot, Cynthia Hanson, Elizabeth P Gaker, Martha E Pratt, Hannah G Sawyer, Phoebe H Hunter, Lydia Shepard, and Sarah J Sampson

to unite with a committee of men friends in considering the proposition, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that their meetings heretofore held in Portsmouth in the 4th mo. be in future held at New York at the same time, with which this meeting unites.

Smithfield Q^{ry} Meeting has united with the Salem Q^{ry} meeting to change the hour of holding that meeting in the 1, 3, 4, 11th mo's from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day as heretofore, which is uniting with by this meeting.

The adjourn to the time men friends may meet tomorrow morning. 14th day morning with pursuant to adjournment. An interesting memorial from Salem Q^{ry} meeting concerning our late beloved friend Septimus

has been read at this time, also one from Pease Abo Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Alice Pipe, and they have been deeply humbling and comforting to many minds under a precious renewed sense of the goodness of our heavenly Father who thus condescends to visit in early life the little ones even under very trying circumstances; and by the emanations of His pure and Holy Spirit to impress their susceptible hearts with his love. Through the mediation of His dear Son, make them Lambs of his fold and sheep of his pasture dignified in their day, and as examples to the flock, going in and out before the people in that meekness and humility which characterizes and so becomes the humble dedicated followers of the Lamb. Under a solemnizing sense of divine favour — we adjourn to the time when friends may meet this afternoon —

4th day Afternoon assembled near the 4th hour
An Epistle addressed to Indiana Yearly Meeting has been read approved and signed.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings have been read at this time and are very interesting and satisfactory and we acknowledge it a privilege to be furnished with the proceedings of that body —

An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting addressed to the different yearly Meetings on this Continent replete with Christian sympathy and encouragement has been acceptably read at this time —

Adjourned to the time when friends may meet tomorrow —

5th day Afternoon with agreeable to Adjournment Essays of Epistles addressed to London, Dublin and Ohio, have been read and approved & signed by the Clerk. The Report of the Committee on change of place for holding the yearly Meeting was accepted — and the same Committee continued to apply to Salem Abo Meeting to ascertain what accommodation that meeting will extend to the Y. M. in order for its holding its sessions there, and on what terms — make a definite estimate of what buildings will be required to be erected by this meeting

Meting and what other arrangements may be necessary, and at what cost, also what portion of the expense can be obtained by voluntary subscriptions and report upon the whole subject to this meeting next year.

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings Report as follows viz - "To the Yearly Meeting -

The committee appointed about last Yearly Meeting to visit such of the subordinate meetings, families and individuals as way may open for, and to labour for the support of our Christian testimonies and discipline Report: +

That from time to time, as members of the committee have felt their minds drawn, as they trust in gospel love, they have visited each of the 24 Meetings, and presented their minute of appointment in all of them but one; several of the monthly Preparative and particular meetings have also been attended, and in some of them the families of friends have been visited.

In the course of our several visits we have thankfully acknowledged, that the good hand of our heavenly Father, to the blessing and constituting us before Him, enabling us to attend to the services as way has opened, to the satisfaction and relief of our minds.

Our visits have all been received by friends with cordiality and love; and we have reason to hope that strength & encouragement have in many instances resulted.

Our prospect is that some services of the same nature for which we were appointed, yet remain to be attended to -

On behalf of the Committee

Rowland Greene.

New York, 6th mo 16, 1852 -

Mary B Harnum -

The going Report having been visited with and under an apprehension that usefulness would result from appointing a committee for a similar service, our friends Mary B Harnum, Phoebe R Gifford, Elizabeth Alderman, Hannah G Sawyer, Elizabeth Wing, and Enzie Metcalf; Martha Alderman, Ruth Sawyer, Ruth Davis, Mary E Bradburn, Flockard, Mary H Wing, Elizabeth Sage, Lydia Coggin, Ann Emily Day, Anna Gates, Susan L Brown

Phoebe Taylor, Asenath Howell, Olive Wing, Rachel C. Howland,
Mary Daffy, Eliza B. Boyce are appointed to unite with a committee
of men Friends in visiting subordinate meetings of families and in
~~and render such assistance as under the guidance of best wisdom they may be~~
accordants as way may open for and report to this meeting with
you - The adjourn to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

11th day morning the 18 Inst met near the 10th hour

The Committee on Education presented a report which
is as follows viz - "To the Yearly Meeting"

The Committee on Education Report, that from accounts
received from 27 M^tings, there are within their limits Children
from four to 16 years of age, 1051; from 16 to 21, 485. M^tings
schools, Preparation meeting Schools, 1; Family Schools, 1; Friends
children attending mixed Schools, 1128. Orifice continuance,
5th months, Friends children attending same, 416. Number
of M^tings from which no account has been received,
3.

In addition there are within our limits several schools
established and controlled by Friends, whose advantages are
to some not in religious profession with us. Many mixed
Schools are also taught by our members. Several meetings
of the Committee have been held, and although we can not report
much active service, there continues we believe in the minds of
many Friends, a lively concern to facilitate in every possible
way the religious & general literary education of our youth.

On recurring to the original minute of 1846, constituting this
Committee, we find that a concern for the religious education
of the youth of our Society, is referred to as one long felt by the
Yearly Meeting. So fully evidence on this point has been laid
before you at this time, by another committee, that we need
not further allude to it than to express our full concurrence with
them therein, and make sense of its intimate connection with the
permanence and highest welfare of our religious Society. We
fully believe, that in a view of its far reaching influence, a few
subjects if any, of greater moment can engage the attention of
Friends. Some of our number have attended the semi-an-
nual examination of the Boarding School. In the con-
cern of the School Committee, as expressed in their interest-
ing report to promote thoroughness in the elementary branches
of Study, we feel muchxiety. We think it also a question

well worthy the consideration of Friends, whether something may not be done to encourage our younger members to continue longer at this institution - perhaps by marking out for their pursuit such a regular and comprehensive course of study as might be matured by the School Committee. We are aware that the circumstances of many Friends, might at first view appear to preclude this course; but we believe that in proportion as we attain that thoroughness in the education of our Youth, which has been recommended by the School Committee, will be our success in infusing the love of learning - and this point once gained, we trust that little practical difficulty will be found in pursuing it; and that our Boarding School at Providence, will present such facilities as to overcome most of the temptations to go beyond our borders for a liberal education.

We have at this time recovered with much interest to that portion of the records of the School Committee which evinces the concern and the labour of Friends, (several of whom have now passed from works to rewards) at various times, to extend the means of instruction offered to our children at the Yearly Meeting School, and under the minute of our appointment, we have thought it might be our place to encourage Friends to renewed attention upon this subject. We think that a careful view of the actual state of education among us, and especially when we consider its advancement in the community around us, would incite Friends to labour in this direction. We think that a careful view to such an extended education as is calculated better to qualify our members generally for the proper discharge of our various, social, civil & religious duties. The Boarding School has been and we trust may be increasingly useful in furnishing teachers for our own and for public Schools. From the early history of the Institution, this consideration has been regarded as highly important, and we cannot forbear the expression of a hope that such of our junior members as incline to prepare themselves for this vocation, may continue to find at this School the means of qualification

equal at least to those above us, and in some degree commen-
surate with the importance of the subject.

From the information received at this time it appears
that the number of Friends' children in the attendance of West
way Schools has considerably increased during the just year.
Ample room however yet remains for the exertions of concerned
Friends in this undertaking, and we have desire their encour-
agement in the establishment of these schools, wherever a suffi-
cient number of children can be collected for the purpose.

In the present condition of many of our members, from
their scattered location and limited means, the attendance
of their children at mixed schools is perhaps unavoidable.

We believe it a concern of more importance to the wel-
fare of our religious Society that Parents so circumstanced
should feel the great responsibility which rests upon them,
and that they may be enabled by a rightly directed moral
and religious training of their beloved offspring, to counteract
the injurious influence which associations in such schools
would be likely to exert upon their minds.

It has been a renewed encouragement to the committee
to learn that the daily practice of reading a portion of the
Holy Scriptures is becoming more general in the families
of Friends. This Committee having been continued
from year to year since 1846, we believe that usefulness
to the cause will result from a new appointment at this
time, should the Yearly Meeting deem it proper again to
entrust this concern to a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas S Gifford Clerk

New York, 6th month 16, 1852.

The Report being read was satisfactory to the meet-
ing and following Friends are appointed to unite with
a similar Committee of nine Friends to attend to gene-
ral service of promoting the general education of our
youth and they are desire to report to this meeting
next year — Abby Dennis, Dorcas B Robinson, Isaac
R Congdon, Catherine C Knowles, Phine Reynolds,
Sarah Slater, Amanda M Buffinton, Mary Ann
Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Martha
Hawkes

Ruth of Challice, Susan^t Brown, Sabina A Page, Henry
of the May of Hope, Elizabeth Gillingsham, Rhoda G Wing
Sarah of Brown, Mary Thigpen, Phoebe R Gifford, Maria
B Smith, Lydia C Earle, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C Mitchell
Sarah M Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah H Gushing, Sarah A
Earle, Joanna W Grover, Anna K Collier, Elizabeth Southwick
Rebecca A Guy Sarah A Guy, Patience B Winslow, Hannah R
Wade, Esther Jones, Elmira C Southwick; Mary Bracken,
Mary Parkland, Maria Hope, Eunice Guy, Lavinia Guy
Phoebe Taylor, Patience Goddard, Rachel W Jones, Hannah R
Tobin, Elizabeth Cook, Abigail M Hanson, Ruth Sawyer
Cynthia Burpee, Mary of Glussey, Abigail C Bude, Sarah
Hoag, Phoebe Taylor, Olivia Wing, Betsy of Bailey, Mary A Bailey
Lydia Shepherd & Sarah M Partridge.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a
change of discipline in relation to marriage presented the follow-
ing Report viz. +

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change
of discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield
Yearly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in rec-
ommending, that the provision of the Discipline which pro-
hibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased
wife's sister, should be rescinded;

For the Committee

Benjamin Guy

New York Octmo 17, 1852 Mary Shove.

which being considered is unitied with by this and the
mens meeting.

The Committee under Appointment to
propose the names of a School Committee Report as
follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint Committee of men and women Friends, appointed
to consider and propose to this meeting the names of suitable
friends to constitute a committee to have the charge of the
Boarding School at Providence have unitied upon the
following viz Eunice McCaffy, Sarah A Tobey, Olivia C

Oliver

• Miriam F. Bruce, Phoebe Huntington, Mary R. May, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Hannum, Elizabeth A. Colburn, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe Hollister, Lydia J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. East, Lydia R. Kelley, Anna J. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Bruce, Susan Howland & Mary Williams.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,

Abigail M. Hanson

Which is satisfactory and the same Committee that served last last year are reappointed to have the charge of the Boarding school with the exception of our friend Jos' Howland (removed by death) the vacancy is supplied by our friend John Underwood and they are encouraged to give such attention thereto as will promote the best interests of the institution & report to this meeting next year. The several propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School committee, which was read in a former sitting, having claimed the attention of this meeting, it is concluded in unison with men Friends that the School shall continue to be vacated during the present summer term for purposes as set forth in said report, and we would encourage Friends to contribute according to their freedom and ability towards raising the funds necessary for repairs, and improvements at the Institution. And though the sum may be small, that some individuals may be able to give, let them bear in mind, that the Widows mite in the Lord's treasury was acceptable even before those who of their abundance cast in much and to aid in the promotion of this desirable object we apprize our friends Hannah Gould Jr., Dorcas B. Robinson, Lois J. Greene, Sarah Stoddard, Mary Ann Collins, Eunice B. Boyce, Ruth J. Challes, Lydia S. Bruce, Ruth H. Baker, Beulah W. Rogers, Nancy D. Waller, Deborah C. Gifford, Sarah Easton, Rhoda Howland, Thiby Andrews, Sarah S. Wheeler, Abby Aldrich, Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Mary Ann Winslow, Emma Robinson, Elizabeth S. Baker, Susanna Jones, Martha E. Pease, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah Morell, Martha Maier, Phoebe Taylor, Eunice W. Harr & Lydia Shepherd, to unite with a committee of men Friends

to attend to the general service of promoting the guard and
education of our youth and they are desired to report to this
meeting next year.

The Clerks are requested to present some extracts from
the minutes to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings
we adjourn to the time our Friends may meet this
afternoon.

6th day Afternoon met near the P^o hour.
Extracts of Epistles addressed to Philadelphia, New York
Baltimore and North-Carolina were read & approved &
Signed by the Clerk.

Our Friends inform that they have concluded to make
some change in our article of discipline relative to burial
grounds, agreeable to a report of a Committee from that
meeting, which has been read and being considered
is fully & cordially unit'd with by this meeting.

The Committee to prepare Endorsements for our dear
Friends that are with us from other Yearly Meetings
have presented them at this time and they have been read
and approved and Signed by the Clerk.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yly meeting have
been read & approved and the Clerk is directed to sign
& forward them to our subordinate meetings.

Having been mercifully favoured to transact the
important concerns that have come before us in much
harmony and concurrence we would reverently
acknowledge that it is in unmerited mercy we have
experienced this favour & realized that the Lord has
been graciously near to help us unworthy as we are of
the least of His mercies & under the sweetly uniting
influence of His love, we bid one another Farewell,
purposing to meet at the usual time and place
next year if the Lord permitt.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Susan Howland Clerk.

Extracts

Humble and contritely has been the renewed sense of our finite dependent situation, and that it is only as we are enabled to draw nigh unto God, that He condescends to draw nigh unto us, and that it is by the enriching influence of His grace and good Spirit that we realize in whom an "affectional offspring."

In assembling together at this time, many of us have felt the query to arise, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But as the eye of the mind is kept single to our divine Prioress, we have experienced a portion of that strength, that is made perfect in weakness, and a renewed evidence has been given that the promise will be verified, that "light shall rise out of obscurity, and darkness become as the noon-day." May we strive individually to live so near to Him, "who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," as to know the power of the ever blessed Truth to prevail in our hearts, qualifying us to do the work assigned us in His Church and service, to the eternal praise and honour of His great and excellent name.

The exercises and transactions of the business of this meeting have been marked by that sweet unity which characterizes the humble dedicated servants, of our Divine Master — whose lowly, humble, self-denying example, when personally among men, is ever worthy of being kept in view, together with his holy precepts, that thereby we may be enabled to fulfil the law of Christ, and know of a truth a passing from death unto life, rejoicing even in tribulation; knowing in the line of our experience, that it worketh patience, patience experience, and experience hope — that hope that maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart.

Our yearly Meeting has been large, and we have had the company of many dear friends from neighboring U.S. Meetings, whose labours of love have been strengthening and animating ours, and while the many deficiencies, apparent from reading the answers to the Queries, have been brought into view, our minds have been introduced into a lively exercise, and desires have been raised, for the more faithful support of our various Christian testimonies, particularly

in regard to plainness of speech behaviour and apparel.
That in the early training of their children, mothers may
be encouraged to keep these testimonies in view, believing
as we fully do - that simplicity and a separation from the
spirit of the world is enjoined by the gospel of Christ -

An interesting and encouraging Report of the
Boarding School Committee has been read giving a
full and explicit account of the concern of Friends of
our Yearly Meeting, very early in its rise, to promote lit-
erally the general, religious and literary education of the
youth of our Society, which has incited in our minds a
feeling of emulation, that with all our increased ability
and advantages for the promotion of this deeply interest-
ing object, we may be unworthy concerned to ask in Faith
for counsel and direction with regard to our duty there-
in, and under the uniting influence of His holy spirit,
may we not cherish the hope that a blessing may continue
to rest upon this institution. We would encourage Friends
to contribute according to their freedom and ability towards
raising the funds necessary for repairs and improvements
at the institution, (the school being vacated during the
summer term to effect this desirable and necessary object)
and though the sum may be small that some individuals
may feel able to give, let them bear in mind that the wise
man's motto was acceptable in the Lord's treasury, even
before those "who of their abundance cast in much" -

In looking upon those who have been privileged
in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, our hearts have
been drawn into sympathy with those, who from various
circumstances are absent. We would encourage these
to come before the Lord with their offerings, and be re-
newedly concerned to be found in the acceptable
state, sitting at the feet of Jesus, hearing the gracious
words that may proceed out of his mouth; that even
those who through affliction and perplexity, feel them
selves stricken and smitten of God, may know the con-
solations of Christ to abound, and be prepared to min-
ister at the altar, and compass it availingly for his

Church and people every where, — promoting the blessed cause
and their hearts through the blood of the everlasting covenant
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Interesting memorials from Salem and New Bedford
concerning our beloved diseased friends, Sophronia and
Alice Pope, have been truly awaking and impressive, under
a precious renewed sense of the goodness of our heavenly Father
who thus condescends to visit in early ^{life} (even under very try-
ing circumstances,) the little ones, and by the emanations of
his pure and holy Spirit, to impress their susceptible hearts
with his love, and through the mediation of His dear Son
make them Lambs of His fold and Sheep of His pasture:—
dignified and eminent in their day, as examples to the
flock, adoring the doctrine they delivered to others, going in
out before the people, in that meekness and humility, that
designates and becomes the humble followers of the lowly
Jesus.

Having been mercifully enabled to transact the
important concerns that have come before us, in much
harmony and concord, we would fervently . . .
acknowledge that it is in unmerited mercy we have ex-
perienced this favour; and have realized that the
Lord has been pleased to be near to help us, unworthy as
we are of the least of His mercies; and under the sweetly
uniting influence of His love we bid one another

Affectionately farewell, purposing to meet at the usual
time and place next year if the Lord permitt.

From the minutes of the annual Meeting

Susan Howland Clerk

No. 1 London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Your acceptable Epistle of the present
year has been received and read, to our comfort and
encouragement, bringing you very near in the love and
unity of the gospel, & causing us to feel the value of
this Christian intercourse one with another. The

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Unity of the gospel of Christ is indeed a blessed unity, and is to be witnessed only by those who are alike concerned, to follow Him, in the way in which he is pleased to lead them. All these however widely scattered, however varied their allotments, or how ever tried their situation may be, are bound together in a measure of His love, all concerning for the same glorious cause, and are enabled availingly to baffle for each others preservation. We believe we believe we have known something of this engagement - amid the trials of which we have been partakers of late time, it has been sweet to feel, & strengthen ing to believe, that we had your sympathy & love & that your Prayers, were raised on our behalf, that we might be kept, and that the blessed cause of Truth might not suffer in our hands.

And while we are deeply sensible of our own unworthiness, and our short comings, we feel bound to commemorate the mercies that have been extended to us, by our Father in Heaven, & to return thanks unto Him to whom alone they are due.

Our present yearly meeting is well attended & has proved a season, in which we have been brought very near together in love, and in a united concern in regard to the many deficiencies, that are apparent amongst us, and various desires have been raised in our hearts, for increased faithfulness in the support of our various Christian testimonies.

For the beloved youth, many of whom are in attendance of this meeting, we continue with you to feel a deep interest & earnestly to desire, that they may be brought so to submit to the baptizing power of the holy spirit, that they may experience the new birth, become new creatures, know old things to be done away, and all to become new, and all of God.

And we would seriously impress upon the tender minds of this most interesting class, both with you and us - this solemn truth, that a

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change of heart must be witnessed by all, before they can become true members of the Church of Christ, before they can become established in the doctrines of our blessed Saviour, and receive and acknowledge them in their goodness and purity - but when through the mighty power of Him, with whom all things are possible, this blessed change is wrought, these become qualified for usefulness in his service, and are enabled greatly to rejoice in God their Saviour -

The distressed and degraded condition of those who are held in bondage in this land, continue to claim our attention and while the way seems close for any direct action from us at present, we earnestly desire that you with us, & we with you, as we are permitted to approach the Throne of mercy for ourselves and the loved ones that are given us, may bear these suffering ones also upon our hearts before Him who has all power both in Heaven & on the Earth - interceding with Him that He will be pleased for His mercies sake, to hasten the day when their bonds shall be loosed and the oppressed go free - With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters - Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting - Susan Howland Clark -

St. Dubbin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Sisters

In the unity of spirit which the Apostle defines the badge of true discipleship do we desire to salute you, endeavouring to centre our minds on that which will enable us to meet the pure witness in the heart, and breathes in the spirit of the gospel, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth Peace and good will to men"

In the reading of your acceptable Epistle of 4th mo last our minds were introduced into sympathy with you, accompanied with a desire that we may become increasingly one another's strength & help in the Lord & be made instrumental in His plan in promoting the work of regeneration. Availingy interceding with the Psalmist "Create in me a clean O God and renew a right spirit in me", which will work for us a far more and exceed-

Exceeding and eternal weight of glory, through the mediation and atoning blood of the dear Redeemer, who is the propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of mankind - for truly it is not by works of righteousness that we have done but by the grace of God we are what we are "and thanks be unto the Lord who giveth us the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

Our yearly meeting has been large, and the poverty of Spirit has been the covering of many minds, yet we humbly believe the Father of all our mercies has been pleased to preside as shall our all enabling us to transact the weighty concerns that have come before us in much harmony and Christian concord.

Many of the beloved youth are in attendance, who have been feelingly and tenderly admonished to buy the Truth and sell it not. We currently believe there are some that are under the preparing hand of the Lord, for usefulness in the militant Church as standard-bearers to take the places of those that are removed and are as removing from our midst, who have stood for the precious cause Truth and righteousness to the praise and honour of Great God.

We have had the company of several Beloved friends from neighbouring Friends meetings whose labours of love have been strengthening and encouraging to us to hold on our way in humble confidence in our blessed Redeemer on whom alone availing help is laid imparting strength in weakness and help in the needful time to His own eternal praise & glory.

The suffering and degraded condition of those held in bondage, by their fellow men claims our kindest sympathy, and may we be found ever ready to avail ourselves of every means that may in any way promote the cause of universal emancipation, and thereby remove from our beloved Country this disgraceful traffic in a Christian land.

With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark

To South Carolina Yearly meeting of Women Friends
Beloved Sisters

Having been favoured at this time with kindly Epistles from all the yearly meetings but one with which we usually correspond, the feelings occasioned by this renewed evidence of Christian love, have encouraged us to endeavour by a similar medium to convey to our endeared sisters the sense which prevails amongst us of the continued loving kindness of the Shepherd of Israel for the mercies we are receiving from his holy hand; may we strive to love Him above all things, and to cherish that precious unity, one with another which is the genuine spirit of the love of God which abideth in the heart: This excludes all that would have a tendency to alienate our affections, or to hurt and destroy this plant of the good husbandman, our branch from this root is humility and lowliness of mind, without which no gift can be permanent.

Our blessed Lord declared himself to be meek and lowly in spirit, and we cannot be His followers without this attainment.

Our meeting has been large, and we have had the company of many dear friends from other Y^r meetings, whose company & gospel labours have been strengthening to us, they have imparted to us much salutary counsel, which we desire may be profitably remembered by every class in the body,

A lively concern has prevailed for our younger Sisters believing that renewed visitations of our Heavenly Father's love has been extended to them, may the watchful care of their Beloved elder Sisters prove a blessing to them preserving them from the evils to which they are exposed.

And may these sincerely visited children with you and with us be encouraged to submit cheerfully to the forming Hand of the Lord in His fear which is the beginning of wisdom and the basis of true knowledge know a being taught of Him, who graciously condescends to teach and instruct in the way of life and salvation -

If we have had our minds burdened by the voice occasioned by the removal of several Beloved friends, who have been accustomed to singe with us in our annual gatherings, who are now released from the field of labour, and we have craved that the rising generation, may say it to

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honor and come up with unswerving dedication of soul to
the support and promotion of the cause of Truth & righte-
ousness, and becoming living examples in their conduct
and conversation, adorning the doctrines of our dear
Redeemer, exerting a healthful influence over the flock &
family.

We deeply feel for our coloured brethren in
their sufferings, and fervently desire that He who hear-
eth the cry of the poor & needy will incline the hearts of all
to obey the divine injunction, "whatever ye would that
men should do to you, do ye even so to them".

We have had the acceptable company of many
dear friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings whose
company and labours of love have been a comfort &
strength to our minds.

With renewed feelings of Christian fellowship
we are your Sisters,

signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Susan Howland Clark

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Sisters

Feeling that the master of assemblies,
in His adorable mercy, has condescended at this season
to be unto us "as rivers of water in a dry place; and as the
shadow of a great Rock in a weary land"; we would
gratefully commemorate His goodness, and implore
ability to walk as at His holy feet, for the manifesta-
tion of that life & power, which can enable us to perform
our several duties, and to become one another's helpers
in the Lord. Our hearts have been drawn towards
that class, who ^{we} may address as the mourners in Zion
& the heavy burdened in Jerusalem; who feel the burden
to rest heavily upon them, and at times are constrained
to stand as between the Porch and the Altar, with the
petition "Spare thy people Oh Lord and give not thy
heritage to reproach"; may these be comforted by
the declaration, that the fervent & continual prayer of
the righteous man availeth much, and the gracious
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promise that He will "apprent unto those that mourn, beauty
for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness" - and in the blessed persuasion that
these His promises are unchangeable Counsel and encouragement
has been sweetly blenched and like the gentle dew of Heaven, re-
vives the drooping mind; The dear Mothers have been affec-
tionately entreated to watch prayerfully over the precious lambs
entrusted to their care, and to restrain and guard them from
all that would wound their innocence, or retard the growth
of the plant of renown in their hearts. And a concern is felt that
the Beloved youth may be encouraged by the example and
precepts of their dear Parents, and elder Sisters to pierce the cruel
edges with which they are blessed; and choose the Lord for their
portion, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh
when they shall say they have no pleasure in them." unto your
dear Sisters, we look with hope for a succession of Standard-
bearers and as you yield in Obedience to the still small voice
of the Spirit which speaketh in the secret of your hearts, say-
ing This is the way walk thou in it, you will witness a prepara-
tion to receive that mantle of love, which has been as a shield
in the hour of trial and temptation to those who have borne
the burden in the heat of the day, and in whose hearts aspira-
tions arise, for the preservation of the precious lambs with-
in the enclosure of our Beloved Society, Oh may the wiles
of the tempter never be permitted, to blight one of these
innocent buds of promise, but may they be as a true plant-
ed by the waters.

This our annual Assembly has been large &
a solemn and interesting season, and the important affairs
of Society have been transacted in harmony and love, many
of our dear young Sisters are in attendance some of whom by
their attention and deportment, give evidence that they
have in a measure been permitted to feel the excellency of
pure and undefiled religion, and the necessity of the body
cross in following a crucified and risen Lord.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle with those
from other yearly Meetings deeply remind us of the words
of the Apostle, absent in body but present in spirit;

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and it is consoling to believe these sisterly communications
come more closely together in that unity of spirit which
is the bond of peace.

We deeply grieve over our brethren
in their sufferings, and fervently desire that He who hear-
eth the cry of the poor and needy, will incline the hearts of
all to obey the injunction, "whatsoever ye would that men
should do to you, do ye even so to them."

We are at this time favoured with the company
of several dear friends from neighboring U. S. meetings
whose labours of love have been a comfort & strength
to many minds.

With a salutation of love we bid you farewell
Sesame by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Hoselton Clark

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pleasant
Pleasant Ohio

Dear Sisters

On reading your lively Epistle
of last year, together with those received from different
U. S. meetings, we felt renewedly to appreciate the value
of this our Epistolary correspondence, believing that as it is
maintained in earnest of life, the bond of Christian union
becomes thereby strengthened. Truth speaks the same
language every where, and under its blessed influence, the
hearts of believers are prepared to edify one another in love,
being united in the fellowship of the gospel and though
they may not partakers of the same blessed hope, they
drink together of the same cup both of suffering and
rejoicing, remembering them that are in bonds as bound
with them: The desire for ourselves and for you,
dear Sisters, that our feet may be so established upon
the immovable Rock Christ Jesus, that nothing may ever
be permitted to remove us therefrom, but knowing in whom
we have believed, we may continue to trust and not be
ashamed, remembering for our encouragement the
declaration of Holy Writ, that they that trust in the

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force, shall be as mount Zion that cannot be removed."

"What a blessed privilege that we may hope to become, fellow
citizens with the saints, and of the house hold of God, built upon
the foundation of the Apostles & Prophets; Jesus Christ himself
being the chief Corner Stone; in whom all the building, fully joined
together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord."

The many deficiencies among us, as, beareth to view at
this time, in the support of our various Christian testimonies, the
cause of deep humility of soul, and we are ready to adopt the
language, "It is of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because
because his compassions fail not." and our hearts have been touched
with a lively sense of gratitude to Him the Father of all our Sure
mercies, I push Springs, in that He hath not cast us off, from his favour,
but that unworthy as we are, He in mercy continues to visit us, from
time to time, both immediately by His holy Spirit, and instrumentally
by His servants, several of whom from other Uly Meetings at this time
have been dipped into close exercise with "the body," on account of the many
exercises from that true Simplicity, which we as a people, believe the
blessed Truth ever did and ever will lead into. And all who are
placed as ensamples to the flock, have been affectionately re-
minded of the necessity of moderation in all things, that they
may be able both by precept and example, availingly to say,
Come follow me as I am endeavouring to follow Christ.
Mothers exhorted to set a good example to their dear children,
and the beloved youth, invited to turn the attention of their
minds, from an undue attachment to the vain and fleeting
things of this life, and to seek an interest in that Kingdom
which fadeth not away - Eternal in the Heavens!"

The unhappy condition of that portion of our colored
population, who are held in cruel bondage by their fellow man
continues to claim our sympathy & commiseration. And while
the way seemed closed at present for their liberation, let us not
cease in our intercessions to the Throne of Grace, on behalf of this
poor and despised people, that He who alone sees the end
from the beginning, may by the softening influence of His
Holy Spirit upon the minds of their oppressors, prepare them
acknowledge the universal brotherhood of the whole human family
and that in His own time he will make His arm bear for the relief
of the oppressed.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

John W. Clark.

The Battlement Society Meeting of Friends
Dear Sisters

Under an humbling sense of our inability of ourselves to perform any good work, we are again engaged to address you; and we much desire that in this our epistolary correspondence, we may be concerned to seek for a renewed qualification, to endeavour to strengthen one another in the Truth - Your acceptable communication of last year has been animating & encouraging to our minds, and we have been frequently desirous, that both with you and us, there may be a deep searching of heart before the Lord. Let us draw nigh with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. And hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.

May we be engaged with a single eye to look to Him, and by an entire dedication to His holy will, and through the sanctifying power of his divine grace be prepared to become the followers of a crucified and risen Lord.

In being permitted to meet in this our annual assembly, we feel bound to acknowledge the unmerited goodness of the great Head of the Church, who still condescends to be with his people, and whose mercies are new every morning.

And dear Friends we feel desirous that all who are engaged in well doing, may be encouraged to persevere, and not faint and grow weary in the way, remembering the work is the Lord's, and He can carry on His work by means that in the eyes of human wisdom may appear of small account, & that however few in numbers, and however weakness may prevail, yet if He is on our side, and his ever-lasting arm is underneath who can stand against us -

Verily we shall reap if we faint not," the unshowering Shepherd of Israel who knoweth the thoughts & intents of the heart, and without whose knowledge not a sparrow falleth to the ground;" is still mindful of his children. His hand is not shortened that it cannot

same, neither His car heavy, that it cannot bear?

We have at this time been favoured with the company of several dear friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love among us have been a great edification and encouragement. we have been affectionately invited to yield our hands an undivided sacrifice to our Heavenly Father, to be willing to submit to the operations of His divine power, and withdrawing our minds from the world, and the things of the world, to look unto Him in simplicity and sincerity of heart, for ability to enable us to do His holy will.

The unhappy condition of that portion of our coloured population, who are held in cruel bondage by their fellow man, continues to claim our sympathy and commiseration.

As while the way seems closed to their liberation, let us not cease in our intercessions, to the Throne of Grace on behalf of this poor despised people, that He who alone sees them from the beginning, may by the softening influence of His holy Spirit upon the minds of their oppressors, prepare them to acknowledge the universal brotherhood of the whole human family, and that He may in His own time make bare His arm of power for the relief of the oppressed.

With a renewed salutation of love we are your
friends,

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Notwithstanding several ^{years} have passed without our having received any reply to our annual communication to you — yet as we believe that this correspondence was established in the Truth — after weightily considering the subject we do not feel at liberty to withhold the expression of our continued desire, that we may all be preserved on the alone sure foundation Jesus Christ the Rock of ages.

We do not believe it required of us to express many words to you but would revive the language of one of our

Annual Meetings.

"O Friends - we greatly desire that the spirit of love - wisdom and a sound understanding - of meekness judgment and mercy may ever rest upon us; That blamelessly we may be kept an holy family - at unity with itself [and with] the Lord our our Renuer -

That He over all may in us ^{be exalted} honoured and praised who is worthy and blessed forever" -

With a renewed salutation of gospel love which we freely offer you, we bid you farewell -

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Susan Flowlane Clark

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Being again permitted to meet in this our annual Assembly, many of our minds have been bowed in reverent thanksgiving to ^{the} Father of all our sure mercies, for the renewed evidence vouchsafed at this time, that He is still mindful of His flock and family in making Himself known by the breaking of bread to the refreshment of the lively exercises members of the Church,

We have been comforted in the reading of the salutary Epistles from our dear Sisters from other Y^r meetings, convincing that the language of the Spirit speaketh the same every where - that there is one faith one baptism and one God our all blessed forever to His Church; - And altho' many are the discouragements of our day in the auxiliaries it appears amongst us yet we humbly hope and believe there still remains those whose dwelling is in the low valley of humiliations where prayer is wont to be made; and altho' little may be allotted to these but the lifting up of the soul to God, for preservation for themselves, and for the flock over which Christ hath made them overseers, may the abiding place of these every where be in the munition of Rock, the city place of safety, and though there may be seasons of suffering to be endured for the bodies

bodies & with the living members of the Church may thus be
willing to remain on the watch tower, and sit on the wall whole
nights, etc. The glorious Lord is pleased to arise in His might
and in the council of His wisdom to make way for the advancement
of His cause of Truth and righteousness, and that our
broken ranks & vacant seats may be filled availing to bring to
the South give up and to the South keep not back, until a
little Army may be raised bearing the Ensign of the Prince
of Peace, coming to Zion with Songs of Praise.

Our beloved young friends of whom there are many
in attendance, have been invited in the constraining language
of Gospel love to give their hearts to God, & the effectual work
ing of Saving Grace, listening to its gentle pleadings in the
Search of the heart, that it may be their blessed experience
to become as corner stones polished after the similitude of
a Palace, adorned with those gifts and graces, which their
Holy Redemer gives ^{to} those that love and serve Him ~ And
may all of every Class both with you and us, renew our
covenants with God by sacrifice, may it be our blessed
priviledge often to be found at the feet of Jesus that we
may hear the gracious words that may proceed out of
His mouth ~

We have had the very acceptable company of
many dear friends from neighbouring Towns whose
labours of love have been to our edification and encour-
agement, and may their faithful labours be treasured
up in remembrance to our future growth and advance-
ment in the our blessed Faith ~

The distressed and degraded condition of those held in
bondage in this land, continues to claim our attention, and
while the way seems closed for any direct action for us at
present we earnestly desire that you will associate with
you, as we are permitted to approach the Throne of mercy for
ourselves and the loved ones that are given us, may bear
these suffering ones also upon our hearts before Him who
has all power both in Heaven & on the Earth interceding
with Him that He will be pleased for His mercies sake
to hasten the day when their bonds shall be loosed
and the Oppressed go free ~

With a undivided affection of love we remain your Sisters
Yours by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at New York, by adjournments from the 13th of 6th
month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1833.

2nd day morning - met agreeable to adjournments
at the 9th hour, and after a season of retirement
proceeded to business.

The representatives from our respective
Quarterly Meetings as stated in the accounts received
at this time are viz -

For Rhode Island - Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia
C. Smith, Elizabeth Moulder, Elizabeth Stone,
Anna Howland, Sarah F. Taby, Sarah Slade and
Ruth Chase,

From Salem - Miriam Newhall, Luis Rines -
Mary E. Bruce, Ruth F. Thorell, Hannah H. Sawyer,
Elizabeth Page, and Lydia Pope -

For Sandwich - Ruth H. Baker, Susan Howland -
Anna E. Elmy, Sarah M. Weston, Maria Brown
Phoebe R. Gifford, Lucy S. Little, Barbara Gifford and
Elizabeth Swift -

For Smithfield - Mary B. Farnum, Abigail Turner
Dube P. Marsh, Ruth Eastley, Sarah A. Baker, Mary A.
Randall and Lydia H.less -

For Falmouth - Jane Cullinoh, Cypriania Glasow,
Lydia Jones, Lucy B. Douglass, Thankful Hawk,
and Mary Douglass -

For Bassettborough - Ann Jones, Ann Elmira Lang,
Julia R. Baker, Peace Jones, Rachel H. Jones,
Rebecca Baker, and Mary H. H. Gaughan -

For Dover - Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer
Dube H. Day, and Sarah P. Gifford -

For Fairfield - Hannah Pope, Patience P. Swan
Sophia D. Bailey, Miriah Richardson Savia
Dollie, and Lydia Shipherd -

For the absence of all satisfactory reasons have been
assigned.

Through the medium of the accounts from
the Quarterly Meetings we are informed; that Rhode
Island has united with Greenwich M^o. Meeting in
the appointment of Gulielma Thoburn to the Station
of an Elder. That Salem has united with Wm. M^o.
Meeting, in the appointment of Abigail Nichols
Sandwich has united with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Wm. H. Howland,
Wm. C. Taber, Hannah Tipp, Deborah King, Betsy
P. Wood, and Sarah H. Anthony to the Station of
Elders. And that Falmouth has united with
Falmouth M^o. Meeting in approving the gift, and
public appearances in the ministry of Jane C. Hinot
and with the same meeting, in appointing Henry
Hinott, to the Station of an Elder — also with
Durham M^o. Meeting in approving the public appear-
ances in the ministry of Stephen Carkland, with
Windham M^o. Meeting, in approving the public appear-
ances in the ministry of Amos Hanson and with
the same meeting in appointing Samuel Jones (since
deceased), Mary R. Allen and Cynthia Hanson to
the Station of Elders —

Acceptable and lively Epistles from our dear
Sisters from Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, and
Indiana's Yearly Meetings has been read at the present
time, to our comfort and encouragement, strengthen-
ing us in the bonds of Christian fellowship,
and we appoint our friends, Hannah C. Taber, Abigail
M. Hanson, Avis Kene, Mercy R. King, Hannah
Gould Jr., Sarah H. Hoby, Miriam Newell, Dorcas H.
Tucker, Rhoda Howland, Anna P. Wood, Ann Jones,
Elizabeth Mader, Lydia R. Kelley, Lydia Congdon,
Hannah Bassett, Lucy B. Fairman, Gertrude E. Whit-
tier, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe R. Gifford, Ann Elmer
Lang, Susan Howland and Eliza B. Boyce, to take
into consideration the subject of addressing our
Friends

of other Yearly Meetings, and if way should be open for it,
to publish Essays and present at future sittings of
this meeting.

A Certificate has been read at this time on behalf
of our Beloved friend Constance Bayes from Worcester
House Mo Meeting, held in London, one from the Quarterly
Meeting for London, and Middlesex, and one from
the meeting of ministers and Elders held in London
expressing of sympathy and unity, with her in her pros-
pect of a religious visit in North America - which
with her company and gospel labours have been truly
acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Certificates have been received and read, on behalf
of our Beloved friends, Emma Buisson from Miami
Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting,
Anna Thornburg from Walnut Ridge Mo Meeting,
endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting, Sarah M.
Heat from Duck Creek Mo Meeting endorsed by
Spiceland Quarterly meeting (Indiana) - Mary S. Watkins
from Goshen Mo Meeting endorsed by Plum Creek Q. Meeting
(Ohio) and Esther C. Weeks from Chippewa Mo Meeting
(New York) - These certificates with the religious services
of our friends have been acceptable to us.

We have had the company of our friends HARRIET
HAR an Elder from Cincinnati Mo Meeting (Ohio) Mary
J. HADLEY an Elder (companion to Emma Buisson) from
Springfield Mo. Meeting (Ind.) HANNAH S. MURRAY from
New York Mo. Meeting, Lydia Bell from Hopewell Mo.
Meeting, companion to Anna Thornburg, REBECCA
Giffin from Spiceland Mo. Meeting (Ind.) companion
to Frank M. HARRIET & Elizabeth C. Weeks also an Elder
from Chippewa Mo. Meeting (New York) companion to
Esther C. Weeks. The company of these our beloved
friends with others from neighboring Yearly Meetings,
have been very acceptable and encouraging to us at this
time.

The Representatives are requested to meet to con-
tinue at the close of this sitting on the subject of
clerk

Clerks and report this afternoon —

Under a renewed sense of Heavenly require we adjourn
to the time when friends may meet this afternoon —
2^d day Afternoon — Assembled near the 4th hour —
Ruth East, on behalf of the Representatives, informed
that they had conferred together on the subject of Clerks
and an united in proposing Susan Scotland for
Clerk and Eliza B Boyce assistant Clerk with which
this meeting voted, and they are accordingly appointed
to that service —

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were
now read —

The Sessional Printed Epistles of last year has been
read at this time; the solemnizing influence of the deep
doctrine and precepts of the gospel contained therein
has impressed our minds with a renewed sense of the
many mercies and blessings conferred upon us —
We appoint our friends Ann Elmira Lang, Elizabeth
Gove, Lydia Congdon, Mary E Reed, and Lucy H. Wing
to prepare endorsements to place on the certificates of
our friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning —
3^d day morning — The meeting assembled according
to adjournment —

Having entered upon the state of
Society by reading the Queries & answers received
from our several Quarterly Meetings, with a summary
profound Shew, by our friends appointed for that
purpose) our minds are slightly impeded with a
renewed sense of our shortcomings in sustaining our
wholesome discipline in its ancient purity, and sim-
plicity, consistent with our Christian principles —
and the lively exercise in a particular manner, relative
to love and unity and the attendance of our religious
meetings, and the weighty admonition that has been
emphatickly awaking and encouraging that
all the buoy health arises "By whom shall Jacobs
arise for he is small"; there is comfort in the humble
belief

believe that we are favoured to know his God to be our
God, and that there is none else we shall be enabled to
repair to him, the strong tower of the faithful; and know
him to be our present helper in every needful time.
O do we then mercifully forgive us at the present ~~sudden~~
to know a little bough broken and handed to us both
immediately and instrumentally, how are our hearts
prepared to receive his blessing, and earnestly to
intercede "Lord evermore give us this bough."

We adjourn to the 4th hour this Afternoon —
13^d. May afternoon. Much pursuant to adjournment —
An interesting, and satisfactory report of the Committee
having charge of our Boarding School has been read and is
as follows viz —

The Boarding School Report: That the school
being vacated at the time of the last yearly Meeting,
according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make
those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and
premises which they believed the interests of the Institution
and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required.
Many alterations were made in the interior of the house,
highly promoting of this end. The several School rooms,
lodging, and dining rooms, have been improved and newly
furnished, together with many alterations in the centre
building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas
very much to satisfaction. Among the improvements
upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very
convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we
believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution.
Some other out buildings have been erected and some
altered, and better adapted to their intended uses —

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred
on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascer-
tained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the
barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn house, and
one or two other small wooden buildings, two houses &
all the hay and fodder was consumed. The rebuilding
of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and other

necessary expenditures and loss necessary from the fire are estimated at about \$2500. —

The expenditures you all the others and improvements, including the loss restorations from the fire have been \$13,804.
The amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of the yearly meeting was £3,000, and since then has been collected and forwarded to the treasurer of the School sum \$2,732, 75 making a total of — — — \$6,344, 75
Leaving an indebtedness of — — — \$7,460, 25

We think it right to mention, that two thousand of the sum subscribed since the yearly meeting, was received from our dear friend George Howland, who not long before his disease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School. — We would propose that \$6,500 — the sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness. — This sum of \$6,500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution — we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid for the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of founders, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated. —

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School fund, during the past year, — — — \$6,936, 40
From the Charity fund — — — — — 430, 00
From the Farm fund — — — — — 390, 00

For...Chela's board, tuition &c. on term including balance of \$2,86, 65 in Superintendent's hands	\$ 4,913, 14
With Due -	
Due from other sources -	<u>\$ 1,383, 144</u>
Making a total of	<u>\$ 14, 099, 98</u>

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including \$489,72 from Treasurer's accounts have been - \$12,555,76

The balance now in treasurers and principals hands is - \$ 544, 01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about \$2,500. Should the Y. M. C. A. approve of appropriating the \$6,500, as we propose, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be \$1955, 99.

In view of the accommodation of the Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each sex were as many as could be provided for and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, 1st of the 11^{mo}, the school was opened, and 150 scholars, viz: 77 males and 73 females have attended most of the time. A few from ill health or other causes have failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Hillier as principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, Wm L. Dean, Parmelia C. Parney, Lydia Mc Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles H. Brownell as instructor in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the places as teachers. Mary Atherton has also been successfully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Parney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of the latter, they were released at their own request and Hannah Allen fills the place of Matron. Whether any additional

assistance will be required in the domestic department remain to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the School, besides our own members, those connected with our Society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will admit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Y. Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution when they are occupied by own members, to those and those only, who they believe, will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the regulations of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time, the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge for Term should be \$ 36, for members of our Y. Meeting; \$ 50, when one or both parents are members of this Y. Meeting, or the children are brought up as friends, or are sent or are sent at the charge of members of this Y. Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Y. meetings, and \$ 64 for others that may be admitted — that \$ 5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Indian Languages, in French or in Drawing — Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term — books and stationary being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer Term should commence on fourth day before the first of fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term — that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day, in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty

continuous, continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the
child, or consistent with the health of the teacher, and
I fear such variation in the young and tender will
not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation
of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the on-
coming term.

As the number to be admitted is to be limited to 80 of
each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should
be reasonably informed of all in this meeting that de-
sire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may
determine, how many others if any may be received.

Applications should therefore in all cases be made sea-
sonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held
on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month,
for those who desire to attend during the winter term.—
and on the third day before the first fifth day in the
third month, for those wishing to attend the summer
term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the pri-
vilege of the charitable Fund are requested to send their
applications in season for the meeting of the Committee
in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire
it during the winter or succeeding summer Term. all
communications respecting the admission of scholars
may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the
Committee in eleventh month last viz: "It is expected
that scholars will be at school punctually at the commencement of
the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice
is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time,
stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them.
A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall
be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by
the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term
and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for
the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted onto the
school as now established in the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would
suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive

that benefit from being placed in the Institution, which more maturely
would occupy over the whole world eminent Friends, that finding, despite
for a long time than our term can cover us, the Committee are so strict
and, and is a great interruption to the classes. The desire that applications
in such instances may be discouraged.

Came after the opening of the School in the seventh month, two
more serious cases of social indisposition; one of which viz; that of
Brother A. Crocker, a member of Standard Monthly Meeting, a
laid off about the middle age, resided at Palermo, with his family, a little
more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following
memorandum was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this
dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach,
the Family and School were, we think, brought deeply to feel
the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his
dear friends and Friends, we are led to believe that the solemn
vision of this dispensation, may be blessed to those with whom
he has associated, and lead them more and more to seek for, preservation
from those with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term the scarlet fever prevailed to some
extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with, pain to
and want of settlement in the School. Many of the scholars were
removed to their friends and the greater part of those that remain
and were desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit
would be likely to result from an attempt to continue the School,
and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it
would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion
at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for reli-
gious worship on first day mornings — and that the Family and Schol-
ars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle
of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At
such assemblies held in the Institution some of the Committee
have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we
trust it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's
mercies, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and
efforts to promote and secure in this School, the guarded, religious
education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its present

Adjourned to the next meeting of Friends.
Agreed on Bradford by direction of the whole Committee,
Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence 5th, Mo: 31st. 1853.

The several propositions contained therein have received our deliberate attention and said report is approved and adopted by this meeting.

We appoint our Friends Phoebe Chase, Sarah F. Tobe, Elizabeth Foye, Elizabeth Price, wife C. Baker, Sarah C. Brulione, Sarah C. Carter, Martha L. Brown, Lucia Jones, Cynthia Hanson, Rachel H. Jones, Anna Jones, Abigail H. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Lucy J. Hawkes, and Lavinia Parker to unite with a committee of men Friends to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

The interesting testimony concerning our late beloved Friend Anna Hawcombs, from Westport No. Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich & Melting, has been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.

Our beloved Friend Lydia Payes, having no prospect of attending another Yearly Meeting - the subject has claimed our consideration, and we appoint our Friends Miriam Newhall, Susan Howland, Elizabeth Reader and Phoebe Dr. Gifford to unite with a committee of men Friends in preparing a returning certificate and present at a future sitting of this meeting.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

4th day morning - Met near the 10th hour.

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting and present at a future sitting to be forwarded to our Subordinate meetings.

A proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to change the time of assembling that meeting when held at Worcester, from 11 o'clock to 1/2 past 10 o'clock A. M. has been read and approved.

We gratefully acknowledge that the present season has been marked by the Master of assemblies, and much weighty and deeply instructive admonition has been imparted greatly to our Standard and encouragement.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon -

4th day afternoon - Met agreeable to adjournment.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read, were very satisfactory and interesting to us, and we acknowledged

It will be a privilege to be made acquainted with Subjects that have
claimed the attention of that body.

The Committee appointed last year to visit Subordinate
meetings, families and individuals, at home, might owing to its
presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to this
meeting.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, Families, or
individuals as may open for, Report:

That thou have given attention to their appointment. From
the year after the Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and
the Committee's minute of appointment has been read there
in; and a feeling of Satisfaction manifested with their company
and services.

Several of our monthly meetings, and the families
of Friends composing some of our particular meetings have
also been visited to the relief and peace of the minds of the
Committee; and as they apprehend, to the encouragement
of Friends.

The Committee believe that usefulness would
result from the continuance of a Committee, for further
service.

In behalf of the Committee,

Samuel B. Coe,

Elizabeth Meader."

Bethel, Decr. 15. 1853.

and apprehending that usefulness will result from the
appointment of a similar Committee Susan Howland, Abby
Greene, Ruth C. Baker, Elizabeth Meader, Anna L. Winsor,
Virginia M. Hanson, Elizabeth Gove, Mary B. Farnum, Mary
Shue, Lucia D. Colley, Phoebe A. Gifford, Valentine D. Green,
Rachel W. Jones, George Hawkes, Maria E. Reed, Elizabeth
Gifford, Emma May, Hannah Rose, Anna Jones, Lydia F.
Goddard, Eliza Hinckley, Lucy G. Winsor, Ruth Bassett,
Ann Elmira Lano, Elizabeth Hale, Hannah G. Fawcett, Sarah
L. Hanson, and Elizabeth A. Osborne are appointed to unite
with a committee of men Friends in visiting such meetings
families and individuals as may open for and do not to
this meeting next year.

Under a solemn covering we adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon,
a meeting for worship being held in the morning.

3^d day afternoon - The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee were invited in proposing the appointment of the Friends who served last year - viz - Erunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Oliver W. Jones, William H. Brood, Rhoda Howland, Merinda H. King, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Maria Lang, Nedale St. Pierre, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe H. Hunter, Lucia L. Cawley, Lydia Nichols, Eliza B. Boozey, Anna D. Davis, Lydia E. Kelly, Anna F. Dennis, Rachel St. Howland, Mary D. Brood, Maria Howland, and Mary Williams - which being approved by this meeting they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to be united with a similar Committee of men friends in superintending our Boarding School to report to this meeting next year -

Essays of Friends addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Committee on the Subject of Education have presented the following report which is satisfactory to us - viz -

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education Report:

That by accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, there are, within our limits, of children between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1,079
Between 16 and 21 years,	471.
Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
Family Schools,	6
Friends children attending Friends Schools,	184
" " " Mixed Schools,	1,023.
First day Schools, kept the past year under the care of Friends -	27.
Average continuance of these Schools, 5 months,	
Number of children attending the same, -	626

" " " who are members of our religious Society 350.

There are also within the compass of the Yearly Meeting, several schools taught by Friends, and under their control, which are attended by the children of Friends in considerable numbers.

but which are principally composed of those not members of our Religious Society.

In the course of our appointments this Committee have been requested to attend the Semi-annual examination at the Boarding School, but it is known to Friends, that, in consequence of sickness at the School, in the month last, no examination has been had since last year, and it is main^taining to this circumstance that no meeting of our Committee was held during the recess of the Yearly Meeting. Our several meetings at this place however have been attended with interest by a considerable number of Friends, and we believe that a concern remains lively and unabated in the minds of many among us, to promote the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth.

While we fully believe that the amount of literary instruction received by the younger members of our Society at the present day is considerably greater than that obtained in former years it has been left to the Committee to be worthy of the serious consideration of Friends whether the elevation of our standard is not an object towards which greater exertion and more persevering effort should be directed. Some of the youth among us are entering upon the duties and responsibilities of life with a limited share of learning, while we are persuaded that their welfare as individuals, as well as that of our Society, would be promoted; were the benefits of a substantial literary education more generally bestowed upon them.

The concern of our early Friends that the children of the poor should "freely partake of learning" evinced in some degree their estimate of the importance of the subject, and the ard^c accent to which many of our worth^y predecessors applied their literary ac-
complishments, and the benefits which, under the Divine blessing, succeeded to man a people, and to the cause of truth. This is a mind to us cause of gratitude and thankfulness, and an example worthy of imitation.

We cherish the hope that the Boarding School at Providence may continue to receive the fostering care and encouragement of Friends, and that the children may, where it is practicable, enjoy the advantages of a good education which we believe it is intended to afford. The adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the recommendation of the

School Committee that pupils should be allowed to attain a matured age than eight years, before they can be admitted to this School, will it vindicate our approbation, whilst awakenings our solicitude for the proper training of our beloved children, while under the parental roof; during this early period.

This tender mind is then susceptible of impressions, and are prepared for the reception of counsel and instruction which will go far to mould their future destinies. At this critical age a large proportion of our children are in the attendance of mixed schools. We have desired that Friends, under a sensible sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, in the right training of their beloved offspring, may endeavor assiduously to guard them against the injurious influences which improper associations at school during their tender years, are calculated to exert.

From accounts received at this time it appears that, upon the subject of First-day Schools, Friends are manifested an increased interest. Eighty new Schools have been established since our last report. We believe that the influence of the kind instruction imparted in these Schools has been favorable, and that they have been productive of good to those who have attended them, either as pupils or as teachers. The difficulty of procuring a series of suitable books for the use of the members of these Schools, adapted to the capacities of the children, and free from anything of an objectionable nature, has, in many places tended to the discouragement of Friends engaged in this undertaking, and the Committee would respectfully suggest whether the consideration of this subject may not properly claim the attention of the Yearly Meeting.

In conclusion, we can scarcely forbear the expression of a desire, which has preoccupied many of our minds, that all of us, whether as parents or as teachers, are intrusted with the inscrutable duty of training the minds of our dear children, may seek to have our own hearts imbued with the love of our Heavent Father, and may reasonably be enabled, and best qualified to discharge this important service, the query addressed to Peter Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him: Yea Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him: Feed my sheep.

Friend on behalf of the Committee.

Received, &c. No. 16th 1853.

Henry S. Wood, Clerk.

and be unite with men friends in continuing the same committee
who served last year with the addition of Dr. M'Lean & Mr. Wheler to attend to
the general service of promulgating the standard education of our youth,
and they are desir'd to return to this meeting next year.

Under a renewed sense of Heavenly regard we adjourn to 9 o'clock
to morrow morning.

2^d day morning - 9th Mo. 17th - The meeting again convened
according to adjournment.

The Representatives all present who attended the first
sitting -

An acceptable and instructive Epistle from our beloved
Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time -

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings
of London and Dublin were now read and being approved the Clerk
is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those
meetings -

A returning certificate has been prepared on behalf of our
friend Cordelia Bayes as follows viz -

" To Devonshire House Monthly Meeting - the Quarterly
Meeting in London and Middlesex, and the Yearly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders held in London.

Dear Friends -

Our beloved friend ^{Friend} Cordelia Bayes has attended our Yearly
Meeting at the present time, and presented her Certificates from
your several meetings, which have been read and accepted in our
Meeting -

We receive this our dear friend, thus recommended by you
to us, as a Sister beloved in the Lord, and are engaged to certify
you, certifying her, that her labors of love in the gospel of our Lord and
savior Jesus Christ, have been found and edifying as well
as comforting to us. Her zealous and consistent deportment has
been satisfactory, upholding the doctrine she has delivered to us -

We feel much sympathy with her in her arduous labor and
travel in her present engagement, and earnestly desire her conser-
vation, and that when the services to which she has been
called by her Divine Master on this side the water, shall have been
accomplished she may be restored to her family and friends and to
the bosom of the church in her native land, in the enjoyment

of that peace which Christ giveth -

which being read was fully voted with and signed by the Clerk
the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute
for our friend Femina Burdon, and similar minutes for
our friends Anna Thurling, Mary S. Watkins, Sarah H.
Hiatt and Esther C. Weeks - viz -

"Our beloved friend Femina Burdon attended this
Meeting - Her company and religious services have been
acceptable to us: -

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf
the following minute for our friend Hannah S. Murray and
similar minutes for our friends Mary T. Hadley, Harriet Steen,
Julia Bill, Rebecca Griffin Elizabeth C. Underhill and Mary
Gay - viz -

"Our beloved friend Hannah S. Murray attended this
Meeting - Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable
and satisfactory to us: -

The Committee in the removal of the Yearly Meeting, presented
a report to the men's meeting which was read and the subject referred
to our next Yearly Meeting for further consideration - with which we
unite -

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been
read and approved and signed, and the Clerk is directed to forward them (together with transcripts of Epistles received) to our
respective Quarterly Meetings.

Having been favoured through the several sittings of this
Yearly Meeting to transact the important concerns that have
come before us in much harmony and Christian love - our hearts
are comforted under a sense of our unworthiness of His goodness
and mercy - that altho' in poverty and heaviness of spirit, many
of us came up to this our Annual Solemnity we may with greater
confidence acknowledge our minds are clothed on this solemn occasion
in good degree with the garment of praise, yea, living praises to
Him who is eternally worthy with the Lord of His love to receive
all glory, dominion and power, forever and forever more -

We conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the
usual time next year if the Lord permits.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland. Clerk.

Extracts.

The assembling together at this time, our minds have become
deeply impressed with a sense of our unworthiness, yet may acknowledge
acknowledged that we have much in our favor when we say
and that He is mighty and able to deliver to almost all those that
put their trust in Him. Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and
we heartily believe, measurably count by the "Holy Head of the Church,"
and we have felt a desire that our dear absent Sisters might be per-
mitted to form extent with us in the exercises and interesting concerns
that have claimed our attention.

Our minds have been weightily impressed with a renewed
sense of our short coming in sustaining our wholesome discipline
in its ancient purity and simplicity, consistent with our religious
principles; and desires were expressed that the Christian bond
which unites us together, might be strengthened by an increased
concern for the maintenance of that love and unity that is so
impressively enjoined upon us by the example and precepts of our
"Low Redeemer." It was also dwelt upon instructive and encouraging
encouragement, that if we love the Lord our God with our whole
heart, we cannot be wanting in love one toward another.

The want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious
meetings, has introduced many minds into deep exercise from a
sense that great loss is sustained thereby; and a belief has been
expressed that many of the deficiencies apparent among us had
their origin in the neglect of this important duty.

We have also been earnestly exhorted not to let the spirit
of contention be known among us, but to "be kind one to another,
blessed, For giving one another, even as God for Christ's sake
 hath given us."

"Although the evil hath arisen." But whom shall Jacob arise,
"so few & small;" there is comfort in the belief that as we are favored
to know the God of Jacob to be our God, and that there is none else,
we shall be enabled to stand to Him in the strength of His faith.
We and know Him to be our present Helper in every needful time
and when mercifully favored as at present season to know a little
more clearly to us both immediately and instrumentally, how our
hearts prepared to receive His blessing and reverently to intercede

"Lord remember you us this bread."

Our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from England and many other dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings have joined with us in unity and religious exercise; and much wisely admonition has been imparted, calculated to awaken and encourage us to a steadfast perseverance in well doing.

Very solemn has been the appeal made to our beloved young Friends, many of whom have evinced much interest and tenderness of spirit. They have been encouraged to look beyond this transient state of being, and in retirement before the Lord, in the frequent, daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, to know their minds prepared for the reception of the precious truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and invited with those in the ministry of life who we humbly believe have made covenant by sacrifice. The solid deportment of many of this latter class evinces that they have been partakers with their elder Sisters in silent exercise for the promotion of the blessed cause which they have espoused; verifying the impressive language - "Those also serve, who stand and wait."

We have received lively and acceptable Epistles from our beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings which have been comforting and edifying to us.

A very interesting Report of our Boarding School Committee has been read and approved, and Friends have been further encouraged to avail themselves of the privileges of this school, with its present improvements and advantages.

A testimony concerning our late beloved Friend Anna Macomber has also been read, impressing our minds with a sense of the influence of her example, in silent reverent waiting; which was an evidence of deep inwarding of spirit before God.

On beholding the vacant seats of many of our late beloved friends, Mothers in Israel, preachers of righteousness in the fear of the Lord, our minds have been solemnly impressed with a sense of the loss we have sustained, and earnest have been our desires that the Lord of the Harvest would be pleased to qualify some of the dedicated little

and to visit the places of those we have seen before and are now
invisiting the promised -

Having been favored through the several sittings of this
Yearly Meeting to transact the important concerns that have
come before us in much human and Christian love, we have
an obligation under a sense of consciousness of His goodness
and mercy; that although in poverty and heaviness of spirit man
of us come up to this our annual solemnity, we may with gratitude
acknowledge our minds are clothed on this solemn occasion in accord
ance with the garment of praise - yes, living praises to Him who is
eternally worthy, with the Son of His love to receive all glory, domin-
ion and power forever and evermore.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Cleveland, Clerk.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is we trust under a fresh sense of the flavoring
of Christian love, that we now salute you, and acknowledge
the receipt of your acceptable epistle, which has brought you
near to our spirits in the fellowship of the gospel, and we have
realized to our encouragement, that all who love the Lord Jesus
in sincerity, do also love one another - that they are enabled by
the blessed influences of His Holy Spirit availingly to bear the
burden of each other's preservation, and to strengthen one another in the
journey towards Mount Zion. — How unspeakably precious
is the hope set before us in the gospel - even that hope which is
an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast - How conso-
lating and sustaining, the assurance amid our varied conflicts, that
we when we yield to follow the God - the Shepherd which we see in it, are
led to lead - who are concerned to hear his voice and obey it - who in in-
ninity and childlike dependence cast all their care upon Him, will
realize his never failing arm, known to be underneath for their sup-
port, will be daily led along through their pilgrimage here and
finally permitted to enter into their Masking rest.

No young spirits in assembling together at this time, have been humbled and contrite before the Lord in view of His dealings with us, in that He has been pleased to remove so many from amongst us who have long been as mothers in our Israel — their seats are left vacant at the sweet influences of their spirit. The remembrance of their devoted and dedicated lives; and of their careful walk with God survive the grave, and earnest have been the desires we trust of many minds that we may be found faithfully following in the footsteps of those who were concerned as we do ourselves believe to follow Christ, and who have experienced the end of their faith; even the salvation of their souls.

Our hearts, meeting at this time has been larger, and our prospects of the future are cheered by the presence of many of our dear young Sisters, and earnest have been our desires for this very interesting class both with you and with us, that they may become willing to be taught of Him, to be led and guided by Him, and experience the refreshing dews of His holy love to descend upon their hearts, which will chasten, purify and regulate all their thoughts words and actions, make plain the path of duty before them, and give strength and ability acceptable to walk therein.

The deplorable affectionate situation of those who are held in cruel bondage in our land, still claims our serious attention, and we believe there are not a few amongst us, who do remember those that are in bonds, as bound with them and who desire to improve every right opening for the alleviation of their suffering — that we be enabled, uniting to raise our hearts to Heaven, for the release of these, and for the oppressed of every land.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayz from your land, with many dear friends from neighboring Gairle. Meetings where labor of love amongst us have been to our strengthen and edification.

With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters,
Signed by directions and on behalf of the Ministers.

Westerfield, Oct 1st.

Dear Friends & Sisters & Brothers.

Caroline

With sincere consciousness of our duty we society
maintain mutual & kind feelings of disinterestedness for another, nations
even some degree to become one another helpers in the Lord, according
to that Christian love which is the badge of true discipleship and we
trust to be your consciousness in coming to that conference which we
now expect in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, when
there we be able to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to the words that
may proceed from His mouth, and be instructed with wisdom, from
His lips; to labour that our houses may be set in that "Haven" where
that the ministrations of the Master may be experienced, teaching us
that during all our goings, we may走稳步ly, righteously and
purity in the present world, looking forward to that blessed hope, that
we may have an inheritance in the land of promise where all conflicts
will cease, and the followers of the Lamb will know the beatery.

Our County Meeting has been large, and much labor has been
bestowed to bring the youthful mind to an early sacrifice of heart to
God. We said - "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them
not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven" what encouragement for
all to come into this childlike state, and look with abiding confiden-
tial to their Father for all things, having the assurance that
we shall be fed with food which is best for us -

We have been peculiarly reminded at this time of the removal
by death of a number of dear friends who have stood us, mothers in
our school, which has awakened a desire that others may be raised
and qualified by the Hand of the church to fill the places of them that
shall know them no more -

We have received your very acceptable epistles at this time and
congratulate with you that we have been enabled to transact the weighty
concerns of Society that have come before us in much harmony -
We have had the company of our dear friend Cordelia Barnes from Great
Britain, with several other beloved friends from the County Meetings,
her absence we have been as a break in the way
We continue to feel much sympathy for the oppressed & degraded condition
the descendants of the African people, & hope that we shall embrace every
right opportunity to alleviate their condition.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Helen Howland Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends -

Dear Sister.

We trust it is in a measure of that love which emanates from the Father of mercies, that we are again engaged to address you, and to thank you for your acceptable gift of \$5⁰⁰ last Friday to desire your growth and advancement in the ever blessed Truth, which remains to be the same, "yesterday, to day and forever - and as we are vicissitute to submit to the operation of its cleansing power, and are "un-blended" engaged in simplicity and sincerity to seek to do the will of our Heavenly Father, we shall experience the promise vouchsafed: "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me." But beloved Friends, He will not dwell in a divided heart; we must yield all to His disposal, be willing to trust in Him with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding; In all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths." And as we endeavor to follow Him in the way of His requiring, and in true dedication and devotedness to be led and guided by Him, we shall assuredly know, that He is good; a strong hold in the day of trouble and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

Our Yearly Meeting is largely attended, and we trust the power of Divine Goodness has been mercifully realized among us to the humbling and contriting our spirits before Him.

We sensibly feel the loss of several dear aged Friends who have long stood as Mothers in Israel, and who have been removed from works to rewards - May the remembrance of their many Christian virtues and the meekness and humility by which they were adorned, afresh incite us to endeavor to "follow them as they followed Christ".

In reviewing the state of Society we have been affectionately exhorted to endeavor to live in the exercise of that charity which "sufficeth long and is kind", and which would lead to the preservation of love and good will among us. - And the importance of attending our religious meetings has been brought to our view, inducing us to believe that if we look to that Power which is above every other power, we shall be enabled to perform this reasonable service, even under feelings of much weariness and through many discouragements.

Our dear young Friends have been encouraged to enter

into covenant with a covenant keeping God, who is abundantly willing and willing to rescue them from the paths of the righteous; to guide their feet in the way of peace, and in the end will receive them into his everlasting Kingdom.

The sympathetic solicitude expressed in your Epistle, for the oppressed Africans meets with a ready response in our hearts, and we desire that our united aspirations may arise to the Father of all good, that by his might, and by his power, He would be pleased to work for their deliverance.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from England, and many dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose labors & love have been animating and encouraging to us.

In conclusion, we bid you affectionately farewell, commanding you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Our Sisters,

Your lively and acceptable Epistle of tenth month last has been received and read, as also those from other Yearly Meetings, which have been to our comfort and encouragement, and a renewed desire has arisen that for those and other favors bestowed upon us by our heavenly Father, our gratitude to Him, may be proportioned to his mercies towards us which are indeed new every morning, and we feel at the present time that we have fresh cause to renew our acknowledgements to Him whose conduct hath been experienced to rest upon us in our large and solemn assembly, both in meetings for divine worship, and in those for the discussion of duty and the maintenance of our discipline, wherein the weighty concerns brought before us, have been transacted in love and Christian condescension, affording, as we trust, an evidence that we are in good measure concerned to abide under the guidance of truth, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom to know is eternal life.

In our hearts - in judgment of the decree of some of our beloved friends who were concerned in early life to convey their love to the church they served the Lord in uprightness and fear in their generation, and in the close of life were permitted to feel an humble trust that through the mediation of our Redeemer, they should become heirs of an everlasting Kingdom: And we have craved that their names, &c may be an encouragement to us all, of every class, to devote their hearts to the service of the same Lord, and to persevere in a course of unremitting obedience to the Divine will. —

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes, from Great Britain, with that of a number of dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings. The gospel labors and sympathy of these our sisters has been a favor which we desire duly to appreciate, and render the tribute of thankfulness to Him who is the alone director of his gospel ministers, and who only can cause a blessing to rest upon their labors of love.

With a salutation of love we bid you Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Susan Howland Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear and well beloved Sisters,

In sending you acceptable Epistles of ninth month last, as well as at other times when brought to our remembrance, many hearts were drawn tenderly to salute you, in the hope of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ - in which hope may we stand fast; looking beyond the things which are seen, to those, not seen, eternal in the "Heavens" - Knowing this; that no new thing has happened unto Israel" - May none be dismayed at the signs of the times; but in the day of adversity consider" May we ever acknowledge our allegiance to him who is Head over all things in His church; by patience in afflictions, by faith in provings in the deeps, and by constancy in temptations - that so the enemy of all righteousness may not be permitted to lay waste the heritage, to scatter in Jacob - or divide in Israel". -

It has pleased the Father of mercies, from time to time, to lay his chastening hand upon his people, that he may bring them

was unto him self; causing his righteous judgments to pass upon
Israel in their hearts which is not of his own right hand, smiting; that
the pure seed of the Kingdom may be extolled; and we, by abiding in
him, the true and living vine, be enabled to bring forth fruit to the
praise of his great and excellent name.

This your Annual Assembly, is large, - and the several
sittings being; through the wonderful condescension of the ancient
of days, have been solemn and quiet; and to my present;
at the same time, we are sensible that the portion of some has been
to sit like Mose, at the King's gate, clothed in sackcloth.
These, we believe are of the number whom the King delights to have.

By the Ansteas to the Society, it appears that most Friends
are concerned to maintain faith in our several important
testimonies; although in nearly all the answers, deficiencies are
apparent. A deep and lively concern has been felt, under this
tender counsel, and feeling exhortation has been handed forth, in
gospel love, to the strengthenings of the hands of those laborers, who
have felt that the neglecting the attendance of our meetings
for Divine Worship, was opening the door for deviations from
many other good precious Christian testimonies.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved
Friends Cordelia & Sarah from England, with many other dear Friends
from neighboring Yearly meetings. Their presence has received in our
minds the declaration, That, "as iron sharpeneth iron so doth the
countenance of a man his friend."

A number of our young Friends are in attendance, who have
evinced, by their solid deportment a lively interest in the concerns
of this hearty Meeting, and they have been affectionately entreated
to leave the Lord for their portion, and the God of Jacob, for the
lot of their inheritance."

In the language of the apostle. "Finally I beseech you all,
Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, be in peace; and
the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

3. *Vindictive Castle* - Victoria of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Your Epistle of 10th Month last read at this time has been
most welcome and we are engaged to add it now with feelings of
deep sympathy and regard.

May those among you who live the Lord Jesus
Christ, yet often feel weak and deprived of sensible comfort possess their
souls in patience, till He may be pleased to lift up the light of His countenance
upon them - Our blessed Redeemer, who for our sakes became "a man of
sorrows and acquainted with grief," is able to succour those who are tempt-
ed; and ever liveth to make intercession for us. He is very near unto
the children of men to do them good, to baptize them with His Spirit
and to unite them in a living covenant with Himself forever.

The language of the Apostle has been feelingly revived amongst
us, "For we reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not to be
compared with the glory which shall be revealed" - and we desire for
you with ourselves to experience more of that faith which gives the
victory and sustains under all the conflicts of our day. How
animating are the words of our Holy Redeemer, "Let not your hearts
be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me... In my Father's house
are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you: I go to
prepare a place for you." Cannot many of us acknowledge from expe-
rience, the benefits derived from the daily reading of the Holy Scrip-
tures in our families, attended by a season of silent waiting before
the Lord, when He has condescended to answer the secret prayer
"Give us this day our daily bread," and refresh our spirits together.

We trust there are many among you beloved Sisters, as well as
among us, who can testify to the consolation and strength received
in seasons of religious retirement - it is good to listen to that still
small voice, which often gently calls from the cares and perplexities
of outward occupations.

In this day of religious inquiry, when light and knowledge
are spreading among the nations, may we be truly devoted in heart unto
God, that being enlarged in Christian love, we may in humility keep
our several allotments.

Beloved Sisters, if there be any among you, under the quick-
ening influences of the Holy Spirit, who are made sensible that they
are yet unconverted, and utterly unable of themselves to keep the law of

the Lord, let them listen to this gracious declaration." God beloved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might
not perish, but have everlasting life" - Have not those who have been
brought through the power of Living grace from all trust in themselves,
thankfully known that which is set forth by the apostle, when
one being justified by faith they have peace with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes, also several
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, are in attendance
with us, whose company and gospel labors have been encouraging
to many minds, and under a feeling of gratitude, we affectionately
bid you farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clark.

No. North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

In addressing you at this time we feel to crave
that our minds may be baptized with an humble waiting before
Him who we know the most is mercifully pleased to preside over the Church, qualifying His humble instruments to speak a word
in season by which the pure mind is stirred up to a closer walk
with God, and renewedly strengthened to "hold on their way," amid
discouragements that often arise in the path of the Christian
traveler; and may you with us, endeared Sisters, know our faith
and confidence increasing, centered in the Lord, and in our
Savior Jesus Christ, who alone is able to send to that fountain of
living water in which we are cleansed and renewedly strengthened
to war in righteousness, digging deep and laying our founda-
tion on the immutable Rock of Ages, against which the winds of
instability have no power.

It has been a season in which some of our minds have
been humbled and contrited from a renewed sense of our mani-
fold weaknesses, accompanied with a fervent desire that, as we
are engaged to maintain the watch in thought, word and deed, we
and in kindred may be strengthened in seasons of "poor & un-
settled" adoption to adopt the language of the Prophet, "I stand continually
upon the watch tower in the day time, and am set in my lau-
ward

whole nights;" having the precious assurance that they that love, and honor the name of Christ & God will be accepted of him, may we then be encouraged to lift our hearts in humble supplication, that, as our day is, so shall our strength be.

We regret to say that we have not received any communication from you at this time.

We have had the company from beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from Great Britain, with a number of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been strengthening and encouraging to the members and laying mind, soul and confirming in belief "The Lord is our God forever and ever, and will be our guide even unto death."

Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and through adorable goodness we have been enabled to transact the weighty concerns which have come before us in much concord and harmony.

We feel to renew the expression of continued sympathy with you, on behalf of the oppressed African race, who yet remain in bondage, greatly desiring the day may be near at hand when their bonds will be loosened and they permitted to enjoy the blessing of freedom.

Committing you with ourselves to the guidance of our Heavenly Father, we conclude, and remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction and authority of the
Meeting - Susan Howland Clerk.

At the First England Party Meeting of Women Friends held at
Prophet's adjournments from the 12th of Oct. Month to the 10th of the
same inclusive 1854.

This day morning - Met agreeable to the adjournment of last evening
after a season of silence proceeded to business.

By the accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings
it appears that the following friends have been appointed Representatives
to this Meeting: viz -

From Rhode Island - Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Mary
A. Smith, Anna C. Wing, Deborah Howland, Elizabeth Rockham,
Phoebe Anthony and Mary Howe.

From Salem - Miriam Newhall, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Page
Eunice B. Boice, Rachel B. Holden, Lydia G. Rogers & Lydia Pope.

From Sandwich - Susan Howland, Phoebe C. Gifford, Phoebe W.
Kelly, Deborah W. Rogers, Barbara Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony,
Sarah H. Easton, Anna E. Almy, and Mary S. Wing.

From Falmouth - Eunice T. Rich, Lydia H. Jones, Eunice Gay,
Potience B. Winslow, Jane C. Minott, and Anna G. Carpenter
from Smithfield. Mary B. Munroe, Lucy H. Collins, Sarah L. Earle,
Ruth Fay, Milla Aldrich, Ruth Earle, Roanna M. Grever and
Lydia R. Kelly.

From Wessalboro - Deborah B. Warren, Hannah J. Jenkins, Ann C.
Robinson, Ann Jones, Grace Jones, and Lydia S. Kyee.

From Dover - Hannah Morell, Cynthia Butcher, Hannah G.
Sawyer, Ruth Sawyer and Abigail C. Beeder.

From Taunton - Marcia P. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Sarah J. Sampson,
Eunice W. Garrison, Cynthia H. Jones, and Lucy L. Hawkes,
whose names being called are all present except three.

We are informed by the accounts received at this time
that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode
Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Mott to the
Station of Elder. - that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united
with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth
H. A., Anna E. Almy, and George Almy, and that Falmouth Quarterly
Meeting has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Abigail Warren, Charity Crossman, and Mary Barnes E. to the
station of Elders.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved

Nathan E. Hoag, and his wife Abigail A. Hoag, companion to her husband from White Haven Monthly Meeting, Indiana, John C. Green with Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Soil Ballay of Gerrisburg Monthly Inter. Vermont, - Lewis Haviland from Oblong Monthly Meeting, New York, and Naomi Coffin from White Haven Monthly Meeting - Indiana - Certificates on behalf of our Friends expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements have been read to our Society.

We have also the acceptable company of our friends Elijah Coffin who accompanies his wife Naomi Coffin; Reuben L. Hibbert, companion to our friend John L. Eddy, and Richard W. Osborne companion to our friend Lewis Haviland, who presented duplicates of his minutes from their respective meetings.

A number of other dear Friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings are in attendance of this Meeting whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We have received Epistles from our beloved Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Indiana and North Carolina, the reading of which has renewed and strengthened the Christian bond of love, that will ever distinguish the humble followers and disciples of our blessed Lord and Master, and may it be to our encouragement in the right maintenance of our epistolary intercourse.

A communication has also been received from our dear Sisters of Ohio Yearly Meeting, the reading of which has introduced our minds into much Christian sympathy in their trials, and desires have been raised in our hearts that the Great Head of the Church may manifest himself among them, as the "Healer of breaches, and the restorer of fallen ~~to~~ to affliction."

We appoint our Friends Susan Howland, Mary B. Farnum, Rhoda Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Mercy H. Young, Peace Jones, Anna C. Davis, Abigail H. Tansor, Lydia P. May, Elizabeth C. Farnum, Rachel R. Howland, Nellie A. Fife, & Olivia C. Davis, Elizabeth C. Young, Miriam Newhall, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minot, Anna D. Young, Hannah F. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Day, Hannah Gould Jr. and Lucy F. Collins, to prepare as way opens for the Essays of reply to the Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings and present them to a future Session.

We appoint our Friends Hannah Morrell, Elizabeth A.

sheone, Mary C. Smith, Tunbridge, Lucy C. Weston and Anna Maria L. Garrison, to prepare a Summary to be read in committee to the Friends to the business and present to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and confer together on the subject of Clerks and report this afternoon.

We trust it is in the abasement of self that we have been favored to experience the exaltation of the power of "the ever blessed" such - under his precious baptizing influence of which we have mingled together in religious exercise at this time in the fellowship of the body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet this afternoon 2^d day afternoon — Met near the 4th hour.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and now voted in proposing Susan Holland, for Clerk, and Eliza B. Bruce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by this meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

A sweet and interesting testimony from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, affixed by Rhode Island Yearly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Elizabeth Wing has been read, accompanied with a renewed sense of her humble dedication to her Master's service from early life to declining years, evincing that circumspect watchful piety in the pathway of holiness that becomes the followers of the Lamb. The example and silent influence of her demeanor is felt to have been to many, soul preaching. May it prove an enticement to follow her in that humility and simplicity in which she endeavored to follow Christ.

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read —

Mary Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony and Sarah F. Tabey are appointed to prepare endorsements on the certificates of Friends now in attendance from other yearly meetings.

Under an humbling, contrite sense of the solemnizing covering of the wing of the ancient of days, we would gratefully acknowledge the unmerited love and merci extended to us this day.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to-morrow morning — 3^d day morning — The meeting assembled near the 10th hour.

The Report of the Committee on the change of place for holding this meeting has been read and accepted, and the Committee released from

in this place. We now offer it to the following Friends being
to be, during the next meeting, to unite with a similar com-
mittee of men friends in taking the subject into careful consideration
and report at a future sitting of this meeting viz - Hannah Gould,
Mary Williams, Deborah Howland, Juliette Freeborn, Mary Thorne,
Phoebe Chase, Elizabeth Peckham, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth New-
-der, Anna J. Dennis, Mary E. Breed, Miriam Newhall, Mary
Cox, Lydia C. Lewis, Hannah Page, Elizabeth Page, Lucy F. Wing,
Nath'l C. Baker, Sarah Hoyt, Cecilia Rogers, Sarah H. Easton,
Rachel S. Howland, Anna C. Almy, Phoebe Gifford, Barbara
Gifford, Alice Lawton, Lydia Congdon, Sarah H. Anthony, Lydia
C. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Eunice J. Rich, Patience B. Winslow,
Concorday, Anna C. Bassett, Emma C. Robinson, Thankful Hawk,
Lydia B. Cox, Elizabeth M. Estey, Ann K. Coffin, Ruth Earle,
Ruth May, Lucy M. Collins, Lydia P. May, Anna Cates, Maryla Jones,
Sarah Jones, Lydia W. Huber, Deborah B. Warren, Hannah G. Sawyer,
Julia H. Hanson, Cynthia Bullock, Mary Ann Cussey, Abigail
C. Breed, Abigail Gould, Lydia Taylor, Marcie P. Hawkes, Cynthia
H. Jones, Sarah T. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes and Eunice Farn.

The Testimony and Trustee have been read, with a summary prepared by a Committee appointed for that purpose. Many minds have been introduced into deep exercise on account of the deficiencies manifested from the reading thereof, and living desires have been raised in our hearts for the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies. Friends have been tenderly encouraged to increased diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings and we have been importunately reminded that but little or no advancement can be made in a religious life if we are found in the neglect of this reasonable service.

The Clerks are requested to prepare Extracts from the minutes of this meeting and present to a future sitting to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Business. - The meeting again assembled according to agreement.

An interesting and instructive testimony from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has been read at this time concerning our late beloved Friend Hannah Dennis, whose memory we believe is blessed, and her use of faithful dedication in the service of her Divine Master holds

With a brief example lecture to whom she was often, in much tenderness
of spirit, bid to injuries council and encouragement. — In remem-
brance of the noble & exalted spirits of those our beloved deceased Friends,
whose memorials have been read in this our Annual Solemnity, our
minds are impressed with a sincere sense of the importance of
following them with path of regeneration that through the wash-
ing thereof we may be thus purified and prepared for an inheritance
among them that are Sanctified. — From their labors of love, their
steadfast perseverance in well doing, their faithful support of
a Christian testimony it may be said of them, "He that die-
get speak". —

The London Printed Epistle of last year has been read
at this time, and the instructions and weighty counsel imparted
to us through thy medium has afresh impressed our minds with
a sense that the Lord has been pleased to open his treasury and
dispense to us things both new and old — May we number it
among our blessings thus to be ministered unto, and profit there-
by to our eternal gain.

We would thank fully acknowledge the summitted
have mercifully vouchsafed in the favor of life unto life at
this time, whereby the commanding influence of the Grace of God
has been measurably the crown of this solemn occasion.

We adjourn to Woodstock to-morrow morning.

7th day morning — The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

In instruction testimony of Hassalboro Monthly Meeting
concerning our aged Elder Stephen Nichols has been read at this time.
An example of his faithfulness in the attendance of our religious
meetings through a long life & a steadfast perseverance in the Truth,
was impressive — Early in his religious experience he was constrain-
ed to attend a meeting where he found only three aged Friends
his brother a student of Divine favor that was immensely blessed
to him even to the closing of life. You are too well assured that this
dear Master condescends to be in the midst, wherever the two
are gathered together in his name.

An interesting Report of our Boarding School Committee has
been read which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the propositions
thus approved — It is as follows, viz: —

To the Yearly Meeting:

We are liable when Committee report, that we have given them
Socialets in token of their appointment, during the past year, and
according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs
of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of
Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 1844,
and for the Winter Term 192 scholars - 12 of the latter to supply
the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in
the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the Schools.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent
a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and
obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds
of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained
when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who
we wait in the number which the school can accommodate, fail
to come, and their places remain vacant to the exclusion of others
who are desirous of filling them - Embarrassment has resulted
from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite
important that Friends in making their applications for
admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of
Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals,
assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William
H. Barney, Lydia M. Neall, and Pamela C. Barney, and
as Teachers of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst; -
Gertrude E. Whittier also taught the French language -
and during the Winter Term by Philicia H. Barney, Charles
H. Smith, Mintha A. Clusse, Anna Mc Neal and Pamela
C. Barney; and as Teachers of Latin and Greek by
William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise
Parrot - Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing
and of the Moral Discipline both terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been
thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time
gentle and just. The progress of the scholars in their various studies
has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both
scholars and teachers.

redustry department has generally been observed among the scholars, and
the institution, cheerful to submit to the rules of the school has been shown
the very important.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming department
in the institution under the care of a steward and matron, has been
continued in operation during the year. So far as circumstances would
permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as
satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm
and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to pre-
sent the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to
plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of
the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as
we record, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repair which soon, just upon the
buildings in 1832, have added very much to the convenience, pros-
perity and usefulness of the School. It has been found necessary
however to make some considerable alterations and improvements
in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general
repair alluded to, no alteration was made.

The supply of pure water in the institution is of great
importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given
to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped
may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school in First City
mission. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of
the Committee. The enjoyment of the scholars on these occasions
has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of
much solemnity. On First City afternoons, and in the middle of
the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has
during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted to the Committee to the trustees of
Julia Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes
made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved Friends,
Mrs. Brown, William Elmy, and Julia Brown, with a view
to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health,
but one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed Friend,

Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian fortitude, to the last hour. Trust to that source from whence consolation and support come. Our friend had acceptably finished the task of nursing, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund,	\$ 5,716.46
From the Charitable Fund, - - - - -	405.00
From the Farm Fund, - - - - -	390.00
From School, for board, tuition, stationery &c. including \$ 76.21, from sales of some small articles,	<u>H. 316.00</u>
	\$ 17,876.46

The expenditures of the institution have been:

By the Treasurer, for fire insurance,	16.50
Interest on \$ 6,300; borrowed from the Farm Fund, \$ 390.00, and on other indebtedness of the institution, \$ 205.70, - - - - -	595.70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c. <u>18.718.79</u>	
	\$ 19,479.49.

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the institution was, - - - - - \$ 1,955.99.

By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of 1,603.09.

Increasing the indebtedness to the sum of \$ 3,559.08.

Beside the indebtedness of \$ 6,300 to the Farm Fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per term should be \$ 40 for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$ 60 when one or both

asenture members of this trust, including a stipend of one hundred and twenty dollars per year, for each scholar, for the payment of his tuition, and a large monthly expense for the purchase of books and stationery, and some other incidental expenses not mentioned. But \$300, to be an additional sum, to be used for instruction either written or oral, connected with French or in Drawing.

Promises to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term—books and stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for information of Friends, viz:—As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be so much informed of all, in the Early Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many places, if any, may be secured. Applications should therefore be made as early as conveniently to be said before the meeting of the Committee, held on "midday before the first fifth day in the Ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter-Term—and midday before the first fifth day in the Third month, for those who desire to attend the Summer-Term. Monthly meetings desirous of using the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during a Winter- or succeeding Summer-Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the Executive Committee.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent their attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, when in use, of that time, stating whether or not their place will be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to pay the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, and will be unadmitted by the Committee, and no child will be admitted for the remainder of the term. Using the school, it is expected payment will be made for a term.

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement, as Friends still to avail themselves of the means

improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to
watch over and endeavor to promote its interests.

Received in draft and by direction of the School Committee.

2d, Jan 1st, Chase, Clerk.

Plymouth, 2d, Month, 30th 1834.

We appoint our friends Mary C. Breed, Ruth Fry, Hannah Gould,
Hannah F. Taber, Lydia D. Fry, Lydia Taylor, Lucinda Pinkham, Elizabeth
Page, Anna T. Dennis, Mercy F. Wing, Sarah Glade, Deborah B.
Warren, Mary J. Page, Marcia P. Hawkes, and Anna D. Wing to
unite with a similar committee from the mens meeting, to bring
forward to a future sitting the names of Friends to constitute a
School Committee.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

4th day afternoon—Assembled near the hour adjourned to.

Our Friends having furnished us with the minutes of
the Meeting for Sufferings, portions thereof have been read at this
time. They were weighty and instructive and calculated to impress
our minds with a sense of the watchful, superintending care of the Good
Head of the Church. And the exercises of our beloved brethren have been
evidently for the promotion of the reign and government of the Prince of
peace in our beloved Society. A valuable and instructive document
on the subject of War, has impressed our minds with the horrors thereof,
and we greatly desire that we may know our minds clothed with the
spirit of the Gospel that breathes, "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on
earth and good will to men."

We adjourn to 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon—a public
Meeting being held in the morning—

5th day afternoon—The Meeting convened, pursuant to
adjournment—

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, Families
and individuals presented the following Report—viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, Families and
individuals, Report:

That they have during the year endeavored to give such atten-
tion to their appointment as way has opened for.

All our Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and most of the other
Subordinate Meetings, and many of the families of Friends and

an individual

In these visits the Committee have met with a cordial welcome, and there is ground for believing, that their labors have been to the encouragement & kindly, and welfare of Friends to the Yearly Meeting, that the Committee be now released from further service.

On behalf of the Committee.

John Osborne.

Virginia W. Johnson.

Weymouth, 6th Month, 13th 1854.

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There is no objection to this Meeting, and the Committee is released from further service under these appointments.

An acceptable gift from London Earl Huntingdon Friends has been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting proposed the names of the following Friends to constitute a School Committee over service Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy H. Uring, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Anna B. Garnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore S. Dr., Hannah C. Powers, Thos H. Knudsen, Lucy S. Hawkes, Lydia Hale, Maria B. Boyce, Anna B. Earle, Anna E. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah E. Breed, Susan Howland, Maria Williams, and Adalitha Meader.

Which being approved they are accordingly appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the mens meeting in superintendence of the Boarding School, to report to this Meeting next year.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Ohio, New-York, Indiana, and North Carolina, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them in behalf of this meeting.

The Committee on Education made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Subject of Education report, That documents have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 6 and 16 years	1114
Between the ages of 16 and 21 a	285

Monthly Meeting Schools	1
Preparative Meeting Schools	1
Family Schools, -	9.
W.M. children attending Friends Schools, exclusively as such,	219.
No. attending mixed schools,	1491.
First day Schools under the care of Friends	30.
Duration continuance of these Schools, 3 months.	
Number of children attending the same,	787.

The number of Schools wholly under the tuition and the control of Friends are attended by the children of our Society in considerable numbers, who are doubtless receiving in a good degree the benefit of a guarded literary education, but as these Schools are principally composed of those who are not in membership with us, the number of Friend's children placed there has been enumerated in the report with those who are in the attendance of Mixed Schools.

While the above account exhibits but slight addition to the number of our own Friends reported, who are obtaining an education in mixed schools, we have still reason to believe that the interest will be Friends upon this very important subject, is slowly but certainly increasing. The facilities now offered by the Boarding School, at Providence, are we trust in a good degree appreciated by Friends, and we cherish the hope that they will continue to embrace, to their full extent, the advantages for the guarded education of their children which we believe it is calculated to afford. Three additional Family Schools have also been established since last year, and we are desirous of encouraging Friends to embrace such opportunities as may be presented, of opening schools for young children in individual families, or by uniting the children of several families - which may be favorably located for the purpose - into one school - and thus secure to their beloved offspring the means of acquiring the elements of a literary education, free from the injurious influences which associations in mixed schools, would at this tender age, be likely to exert.

It also appears from the accounts received at this time, that the interest manifested by Friends upon the subject of First Day Schools, continues unabated; and an additional number of

which is reported as having attended these schools during the
last year.

We would respectfully urge upon righteously-minded Friends,
the importance of their attendance at these schools as regularly
as circumstances will permit, thereby manifesting to the children
their interest in the cause they are endeavoring to promote,
and at the same time, exhibiting a concern that the schools
may be properly conducted, to the honor of Truth.

The Society of Friends, for the use of these schools, propose to
recommend to the Meeting for Testimony, to whom that subject
was referred last year, with the hope, become general in our
schools, so far as they may be useful to facilitate Scriptural instruc-
tion, and their adoption is recommended by this Committee.

We have at this time been afresh impressed with the
importance of our children and young Friends being mor-
tally and faithfully instructed in the Scriptural foundation
of the doctrines and distinguishing views and prac-
tices of Friends. Have we not reason to fear that a con-
siderable proportion of our children are spending an impor-
tant and most impressionable period of their lives without
obtaining a due knowledge of our Christian principles
and thus alienating themselves by quiet with meekness,
reason for the faith that is in them. Timothy of old was
commanded in that from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures
which he had been instructed by a pious mother, whose unfeigned
faith is also the subject of commendation by the same Apostle.
What not the occasions which we trust that Friends frequently
grace for family reading and Scriptural instruction, before it
is committed to showing to our children the entire accordance
of testimonies with the doctrines of the New Testament.
Although but little may appear to have been accomplished by us
in the advancement of the cause of Education, yet we believe that it
may be useful again to intrust this concern to a Committee.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee.

Henry J. Wood, Clerk.

Newport, 6th Mo., 15th. 1854.

which is satisfactory and encouraging to us - and the Committee
are continued under appointment with the exception of Mary

George W. Ward and Martha A. Hawkes removed from
among the friends of religion having Malaria. Human Law
and just cause are sufficient to supply the vacancies
occurred thereby. We would encourage Friends faithfully
to give their attention to this deeply interesting subject, and in
an especial manner to the Scriptural instruction of their chil-
dren; that they may come to a right understanding of the truths
of the Gospel.

We adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

6th day morning, the 16th. The meeting again assembled according
to adjournment. —

The Representatives being called, they were all
present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were
mentioned.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London and Balti-
more have been read and approved. —

The Committee to prepare returning minutes for our dear
Friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings, presented
them at this time and they have been read, approved & signed.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of a change of place
for holding this Meeting made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take the whole subject of the removal
of this Yearly Meeting, with the facts presented by former committees
into consideration report, that they have taken the subject into serious,
solid and deliberate consideration, and after a free expression
of feeling and sentiment in regard to this highly important question,
characterised by Christian harmony and brotherly condescension,
they were generally united in proposing, and the proposition was
acquiesced in by all, that this Yearly Meeting be removed to Lynn
and that its first sitting there be held in the year 1857.—

On behalf of the Clerk, William C. Taber, Clerk.

New York, 6 mo.: 15, 1854."

which being read was voted with by some and submitted
to brothers.

Copies of the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been
read & approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf

now writing and forward them to Subordinate meetings.

Bro Clark is also directed to sign on our behalf, and forward to us, notices to the different Yearly Meetings.

The annual meeting has been a season of solemnity. In each of the different sittings of it we have been favored to transact the important concerns that have come before us in cordial and sisterly condescension;—under a conviction dense caused to conclude and affectionately bid me another farewell in the Lord; proposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permits—

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

John Cleveland Clark.

Summary Answer.

Ques. 1st— All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have meetings, excepting in small meetings omitted, mostly on account of inclement weather and difficulty of travelling) and generally attended by most of our members; yet there is a remissness with some in this important duty, on which account some labor has been bestowed. The time mostly observed— mostly preserved from sleeping, or other unbecoming behavior clear, except in one instance.

2^d. Love and unity are in good measure maintained amongst us. Division considerably guarded against where differences have arisen, care has been taken to avoid them.

3rd. We believe there is a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to disown them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation; and endeavor to be exemplary herein themselves,—as difficulties are apparent in supporting our testimonies in these respects. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friend's families.

4th. Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public amusement where some are has been taken.

5th. The circumstances of the year have been attended to and their

measities received. Their children partake of learning - One child placed out from among Friends -

6th Most parents and Heads of Families, with many of the young and unmarried are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline yet there have been several instances of leaving company and marrying out of the order of our Society where care has been taken.

7th Clear in the several requisitions of this query except one instance of attending meetings where there is a Visiting ministry, which is under notice -

8th We believe Friends are generally careful in these respects -

9th Some deficiency in recording, also with regard to certificates.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and wisdom though not always without some delay -

We think judgment is placed according to our discipline.

Exactly.

The assembling of this our Annual Meeting has been, we reverently believe, a season of renewed manifestation of our Heavenly Father's love. He has in unmerited mercy through His dear Son our Holy Redeemer, helped our infirmities, when in the weakness of the flesh our hearts were ready to fail us; and in this blessed evidence of His love, in mercy extended, we have experienced Him to be our strength and our Redeemer; and have had to commemorate His loving kindness and tender mercy to have in an humble manner crowned our Solemn Feast -

Our beloved absent Sisters have been preciously brought near, we trust in that love which is of the Father, and glows sweetly to every member of the Church of Christ; and He has mercifully given us to feel that "love is the fulfilling of the law," and in that love that emanates from him we have been favored both present and absent, to rejoice together in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May it be to our mutual encouragement to be found walking more worthy the vocation wherewith we are called, and unite in a living exercise individually and collectively, for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in these earth; that we may as a people be made instrumental in bringing in that glorious day, when "righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters do the seas."

The deficiencies that are recorded year after year in the answers to the queries, have led to closer exercise and call for searching of heart, that we may be favored to see, in the light of the ever blessed Truth, the things that would abundantly make for peace, both present and everlasting, and be concerned that our wholesome discipline may be maintained in that integrity and uprightness of heart that would adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour and settle and establish us upon the immutable foundation, the Rock of ages.

We have been affectionately admonished of the necessity of endeavoring to train up our beloved children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That as they become willing to dedicate their hearts to His service and to walk in His fear, they may know that "godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

The London printed epistle of last year has been read at this time; the instructive and weighty counsel, that has been imparted through this medium, has afresh impressed our minds with a sense that the Lord has been pleased to open his treasury and dispense to us things both new and old; calculated to increase our faith in the all sustaining power of Israel's God.

Very lively and instructive memorials have also been read of our late beloved Friends Elizabeth King and Hannah Dennis. They have been strengthening and encouraging to us - The remembrance of their labors of love, and faithful support of our Christian discipline - their early dedication to the Master's service - their steadfast perseverance in the path of self denial - their humble yet dignified demeanor evincing the purity and simplicity of the Christian character in that "meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price," reminds us that though dead they yet speak an interesting and instructive testimony of Bassalboro' Monthly discipline concerning our aged elder Stephen Nichols. He has also been read at this time. The example of his faithfulness in the attendance of our religious meetings, through a long life of steadfast perseverance in the truth was impressive. But in his religious experience, he was constrained to attend a meeting where he found only three aged friends. This proved a season of divine favor that was eminently blessed to him even to the close of life. Thus are we assured that the dear Master condescends to verify His promise, "where two or

thus are gathered together in my name, there are 27 in the midst of them! May the vacant places of these worships in Israel impress us with the solemn truth, that life is passing rapidly away — that the time will shortly come when we too must bid adieu to all things pertaining to this world, and enter upon the realities of the life to come. And Oh, may it be the concern of us all, above every other consideration, to secure an interest in Christ.

To the dear young Sisters our minds are drawn with peculiar feelings, and earnest are our desires that looking not unto man, but unto God, they may experience the sweet influences of His Spirit to descend upon their hearts qualifying and strengthening them to come up in the service of His Church.

Portions of the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read at this time. They were weighty and instructive and calculated to impress our minds with a sense of the watchful superintending care of the great Head of the Church.

The exercises of our beloved brethren have evidently been for the promotion of the reign and government of the Prince of peace in our beloved Society. A valuable document on the subject of war, has impressed us with the horror thereof; and we greatly desire that our minds may be clothed with the spirit of the gospel, that breathes "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men". Our feelings have been solemnized in being reminded from these minutes of the decease of our late honored friend and brother William Foster, of England, whose devotion to his Master's cause was sealed by being made willing to suffer as well as to do His blessed will. He laid down his head in peace with men and in that peace with God that passeth all understanding. Thus passed, from the labors of a life of simple dedication to the cause of Christ, a beloved Elder in the church, and we trust, through the mercy of God, in Christ Jesus, the crown immortal laid up for all those who love his appearing, is given unto him.

This meeting has been introduced into much concern that our testimony against slavery may be faithfully maintained and held up to view. And fervent have been our desires, that under an humble sense of our accountability to our Heavenly Father, we may often examine ourselves in order to see what is required at our hand.

that we may aid in hastening the coming of that day, when liberty shall be proclaimed, and the oppressed go free. Dissidence from participation in the products of unrequited toil has claimed our attention, and we have been affectionately encouraged by faithful men in this particular. We have been favored with the company of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and labors of love have been impressive and salutary at this time.—

This annual meeting has been a season of solemnity. Through the different sittings of it we have been favored to transact the important concerns that have come before us in unity and sisterly concord;—under a contriting sense whereof we conclude and affectionately bid one another, Farewell in the Lord, proposing to meet again in this place next year, if the Lord permit.—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Susan Howland Clerk.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends' Friends.

Beloved Sisters, —

It is we humbly trust in a measure of the fresh flowing of spiritual love that we are drawn to salute you at this time, and to acknowledge your acceptable epistle — Having some degree of renewed evidence that the Lord is sufficient for His own blessed purposes, — that He will accomplish his work by instruments of His own choosing, and that as the hearts of His truly dependant children are brought into quiet waiting to know the mind of the spirit; the still small voice will be heard and the power of the Lord will be felt to qualify for service and to direct and sustain in every season of perplexity and trial — That we have renew'd cause recently to say; "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" — And while we are bowed under a sense of our own unworthiness can, brought to the acknowledgement — The Lord is the strength of my life and my portion forever —

It is only as living branches of the true vine Christ Jesus that we can bring forth fruit to His praise. It is only by baptism into the likeness of His sufferings and death, that any can become partakers of His resurrection and life. And it is only as we are made willing in these purifying dispensations to yield our will to the Divine will, and in humility today — "I speak Lord, for thy servant heareth;" that we

can be qualified to put forth a hand for the promotion of the cause of truth and righteousness. We believe there are both among you and us, those who sincerely desire the advancement of Christ's kingdom upon earth; and the coming of that blessed day when the principles of the gospel shall have sway in the hearts of men. But this is the Lord's work, and if any of His unworthy children are favored to be partakers herein, it must be by obedience to Him who ruleth in the armies of Heaven.

It is not in our own wills and counsels that we shall accomplish the good which we ardently desire, but by keeping our ranks in righteousness and individually seeking unto Him for His Divine guidance and help.

A living exercise has been felt on account of the younger members of our religious society and as interesting memorials of departed worthies have been read; we have been ready to ask, where is the successor? who is coming up to fill these vacant places? There are many young persons among us whose infancy and childhood have been watched over with the most tender solicitude—whose opportunities of receiving a graduated education have been carefully promoted; and who do not yet manifest that full surrender to the cross of Christ which we ardently desire to witness. To these we would say—Dear young friends, remember your responsibility to God, for the right employment and improvement of the talents committed to you. Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price— even the precious blood of him who died that we might live; and who is able to give you, in the day of account—a glorious crown, incorruptible and which God doth not away, in exchange for those vain and transient delights which He is calling upon you for His sake to resign. Yet while we feel this deep travail of spirit, we are encouraged in the belief, that many of this interesting class are under the preparing hand of Him who is able to raise up judges at the first, and counsellors at the beginning—and we greatly desire the encouragement of tender seeking minds.

The great evils attendant on war and slavery have been brought before us at this time; and suddenly has crowded our minds in viewing the existing state of affairs both in our country and on the continent of Europe. There vast armies arrayed against each other, and the souls of thousands of our fellow beings, brought to stand before the judgment seat of Christ, suddenly from the field of bloody strife, amid the display of the unuttered, passions of rage and bloodshed. And in this

and the extension of Slave territories and increased efforts to hasten the
chains of the slave even more firmly. These are indeed causes of mourn-
ing, and call for increased diligence in the maintenance and exten-
sion of our well known Christian testimonies on these subjects.

Mother, have been affectionately encouraged to train their little
children carefully in the principles of the gospel of illumination a shout
was proclaimed by angels with the announcement of "Hark! to God in
the highest on earth peace and good will to men".

Having been privileged to hear at this time the minds of our
Meeting for Sufferings, our feelings have been greatly touched in the
account there given of the decease of a beloved and honored brother
from your land while on a mission of love to us. We deeply sympathize
with you in the loss you have sustained, but reverently believe that this
sacrifice has not been made in vain, but that in years that are yet to
come the result of those labors of love will be apparent.

Our yearly Meeting has been well attended, and we have had the
receptable company of several Friends from other parts of this country.

With the salutations of love we conclude and remain your Friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clarke.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

Being again permitted to meet together in our annual solemnity, and to experience, we humble trust the overshadowing
sufficient goodness to cover our spirits, we desire gratefully to acknowl-
edge a renewed evidence at this time, witnessed that the intercourse
with our dear absent Friends has been to us a refreshing Spring
of encouragement and comfort. This was renewedly experienced
in the reading of your lively and sisterly communication of 5th Mo.
last. It was especially interesting to be informed that there was
amongst your beloved young friends a prospect of a succession of
standard bearers: may these be enabled to hold on their way, by
acting within the limits of manifested duty, and the restrictions
of the Truth. In this state of vigilance and care, preservation,
peace and safety will accompany your steps; and your minds being
circumscribed within the bounds of righteousness and truth, will
ever be exercised in the fulfillment of your respective duties.

and constant vigil in the Church of Christ, following the example of those, who having faith, & trust, served the Lord, been examples to the flock, and saints in the world, have been called to a better, even an heavenly inheritance and are enjoying the rest prepared for the righteous.

We have on this occasion feelingly realized our loss in the removal from works to rewards of several with whom we have long mingled in our annual gatherings, but may we not be discouraged, but rather incited to quicken the fires of our minds, and by endeavoring to follow them even as they followed Christ, become their successors in faith and patience, and then we may trust finally to receive the rich reward promised to all those who walk in the narrow way which leadeth to life.

Our Yearly Meeting has not been so largely attended as that of the last year. Several friends from other Yearly Meetings have been very glad with us, and we have been strengthened by their presence and labors of love.

We feel a continued sympathy and concern for the oppressed of every clime, and desire that our friends may be inclined to do them good in every way consistent with the principles of Truth.

Finally dear Sisters, let us all remember the declaration of the Apostle - "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal the Lord knoweth them that are His" - Let us strive to become such by obedience to His holy law.

In a measure, we trust of Gospel love we salute you and bid you affectionately Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clerk.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is under a sense of our own insufficiency to do any good thing, of ourselves, that we attempt to address you at this time, and to acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle which with those from other Yearly Meetings has been refreshing to our spirits and a indeed evidence of our Heavenly Father's love.

We have come right to this our Annual Assembly under many discouragements - The removal by death of some of our number, who were bound to the law and the testimony of Jesus Christ, our Lord, has introduced our minds with deep feelings of humility, and we believe the language

of many hearts has been, "Behold him shall great wisdom, for he is exalted." We feel with you that many baptisms of the Holy Spirit are indeed needful for our purification, and earnest are our petitions both for you and us, that we may so submit ourselves to these, as that we may come forth thoroughly cleansed and fitted for our allotted stations, and prepared to fill the places of those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day, and who now are permitted to rest from our labors.

We have had the acceptable company of several friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and words of encouragement have been strengthening to us. Much living exercise has been kept at this time in view of the existing state of affairs both in our own country, and on the continent of Europe, where the ravages of war are desolating nations, and here the extension of Slave territory and increased efforts to fasten the chains of Slavery ever more firmly, are indeed cause for mourning; and call for increased diligence in the maintenance and extension of our well known testimonies on these subjects.

Abstinence from participation in the production of unrequited toil has claimed the attention of some of our minds, and we have been affectionately encouraged to faithfulness in this particular.

"With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Susan Howland Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We have received at this time your acceptable communication of 9th Month last, and our hearts have been introduced into deep feeling and tender sympathy with you in your many and varied trials, and we let our minds drawn in sisterly affection, to offer you a word of encouragement. We are permitted through Jesus Christ our Savior, to make our supplications unto God, for ourselves and for one another, we are mercifully permitted to bring all our cares and all our sorrows unto him, the hearer and the answerer of true prayer, and our fervent desire is for you dear Sisters, that your faith fail not, but that you may continue to look with a steady eye unto the Rock that is higher

than we, for strength and ability to do or to suffer in the blessed cause of our Lord. We have had our close trials produced by the same spirit that has disturbed you, but the Lord has been pleased in His unmerited mercy to sustain us under them, for which we desire to bless His holy name. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." Trust then in Him, for "as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever."

In assembling together at this season, our spirits have been introduced into deep feeling, and many hearts have been solemnized by the removal from works to rewards of so many dear ones who have been as Mothers in our Israel. To the dead, we desire to cherish their many virtues and to keep their memory green and may their vacant places impress us with the solemn truth that life is passing rapidly away - that the time will shortly come when we too must bid adieu to all things pertaining to this world and enter upon the realities of the life to come - and oh may it be the concern of us all, above every other consideration to secure an interest in Christ. To the dear young Sisters our minds are drawn with peculiar feeling and with earnest desire, that looking not unto man, but unto God they may experience the sweet influences of His Spirit to descend upon their hearts qualifying and strengthening them to come up in the service of His church.

During the several sittings of this meeting we have been mercifully favored with the overshadowing of heavenly love, under which precious covering we have been enabled to transact the various concerns that have come before us in much harmony.

We have had the acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been comforting and edifying to us -

And now dear Sisters in a fresh feeling of gospel love, we salute you, and bid you affectionately Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Susan Howland Clerk

No Indiana Early Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

We humbly trust it is in the fellowship of the blessed truth that our minds are engaged to address you beloved sisters, and may we through the influence of that Spirit which breathes the language of grace in earth and good will to man, be enabled to reach the witness of truth implanted in the secret of our hearts, and through adorable goodness be reminded of the testimony of the inspired Apostle, " whatsoever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him," that we be mutually edified by this our epistolary correspondence knowing the bond of unity strengthened in the fellowship of the gospel of truth, that the standard of the militant Church be raised, reflecting honor and praise to Him who is head over all. —

We feel a gratefulness to acknowledge that the ditties of this our Annual Assembly have been mercifully owned by the great Head of the Church, overshadowing our minds as with the wing of "uncontrollable goodness, and contringing our spirits with a renewed desire that our love may be increasingly strengthened in Him" "who doeth all things well" — tho' He maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh on the wings of the wind; We graciously condescend to manifest himself to all who look to him in humble confidence, in whom are all our fresh springs — And while some of our minds have been sorrowfully affected in the removal by death of a number of dear friends who have been as pillars in the Church, yet we are comforted in the belief that the Lord of the Harvest will receive their mantles to rest on others he may be pleased to anoint with his holy anointing, that there may be a succession of Standard bearers zealously concerned for the maintenance of the law and the testimonies.

Many of our beloved youth are in attendance at this time, some whose hearts we humbly trust has been touched as with a live coal from off the divine altar, inspiring them with an increased desire to promote the cause of truth and righteousness which will yield the valuable fruits of the spirit.

The state of society and the deficiencies recorded in the banner has excited much exercise in the minds of many friends, that a more general concern might prevail among our members on the diligent attendance of our religious meetings, believing it will greatly promote a growth in the truth and establishment in our principles. —

The cruelties arising from the bondage of our African brother has been
feelingly adverted to, with desires that we should embrace every right
opening to ameliorate their unhappy condition and more generally
avail ourselves of the produce of their labour.

We have present with us several dear friends from other Yearly
Meetings whose company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

In the love and fellowship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
we affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Newland Clark.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In being permitted to come together at this time in
a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have been forcibly reminded of
the words of our blessed Savior, "Without me ye can do nothing";
yet we have reverently acknowledged that He hath been on our
part, not only in our silent waiting, but in hearing the Epistles
read from our dear Sisters of other Yearly Meetings, and in transac-
ting the weighty affairs that pertain to this part of His church.
The oneness of feeling that has prevailed at this time, has been highly
precious; surely the Lord is good, and His tender mercies are
over all His works.

May faithfulness mark each step we take; and may
the dear youth with you and us be afresh incited to enter into
covenant with their God, be willing to confess Him their Savior
before men, that He may also confess them before His Father and the
Holy Angels.

Our hearts have been comforted at this time in beholding
many in the middle and younger walks of life, whose countenances
convince that they have been with Jesus; may those, with you
and with us be strengthened, and by an entire dedication of
heart be qualified to fill the places of those who have been removed
by death.

The state of Society, as presented by the answers to the
queries has introduced many minds with a lively concern that
the deficiencies which still exist among us may be removed and
our Zion arise and shine in her ancient beauty.

Many subjects of interest have claimed our attention on this present occasion.
Harmony and love with their infelicities and humiliations consequent upon these
great trials have called forth expressions of sorrow and commiseration
from exalted minds, and all have been encouraged to give their best
maintenance of our testimony in these respects, looking unto the Lord
for direction and guidance in every important movement.

We have had the company of several beloved Friends from neighboring
States whose gospel labors have been highly acceptable,
indeed inspiring to us.

With the salutation of love we are your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Mrs. Susan Howland Clark. -

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In attempting to reply to your acceptable Epistle of last year, we sensibly realize our inability of ourselves to perform any good work, and that it is only as we look looking to God's strength, who still condescends to be with his people, that we are enabled to become one another's helpers in the Lord; or that we can perform any service that will be acceptable in his divine sight.

Indeed dear Sisters may we all be reservedly concerned to humble ourselves before him, and wait for the inshining of his divine light in our hearts, and although we may experience many and deep provings He has declared, "If any man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall also my servant be".

The concerns which have claimed our attention at this time have been conducted in much harmony and love, and we trust the presence of the great Head of the Church has at seasons been felt among us, to the humbling and contriting of our spirits before him, and we greatly desire that both with us and you there may be an individual engagement to strive to become faithful standard bearers in the Church, and thereby be enabled to unite in simplicity and godly fear in maintaining the precious testimonies for which our worthy predecessors in the Truth so大力 suffered.

In reviewing the state of Society a lively exercise has been held in account of deficiencies among us, particularly in the attendance of our religious meetings.

We have been exhorted to persevere in the performance of this reasonable service, even under feelings of much weakness and discouragement; and although we may be few in number, as our minds are rightly engaged to wait upon Him, we shall realize the truth of the declaration of our blessed Lord, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them".

We have been affectionately admonished of the necessity of endeavoring to train up our beloved children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"; that as they are willing to dedicate their hearts to his service, and to walk in His fear, they may know that Godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come: -

We sensible feel the loss of some from among us who have been removed from works to their eternal reward, and our minds have been solemnly impressed with the injunction of our blessed Lord, "Be ye also ready." The remembrance of their devotedness to the cause they so dearly loved; and the blessedness and sweetness of their close, has afresh incited us to endeavor "to follow them as they followed Christ."

We feelingly sympathize with you in regard to your situation in the midst of oppression, and earnestly desire we may be found, "Watching unto prayer", ready to act, when in the ordering of best wisdom, way may open to ameliorate the condition of the slave, or to hasten the approach of that day when the oppressed shall go free.

Several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings have been with us at time, whose company and gospel labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

"With the salutation of love we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

3d. New-England Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at
Providence on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 11th. of 16th. Month
to the 14th. of the same, inclusive, 1855.

2^d. day, morning - Not averse to the adjournment of last year, and
after a season of silent waiting proceeded to business.

By the Accounts received from our several Quarterly Meet-
ings, it appears that the following Friends have been elected Representa-
tives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Pickham, Eunice Metcalf, Elizabeth
Stead, Mary Williams, Sarah G. Hobbs, Mary Rice, Phoebe
Russell, Mary A. Smith, Ruth Chace and Joanna Peck.

From Salem - Rachel B. Holder, Elizabeth Page, Ruth F. Challis,
Elizabeth Gore, Miriam Newhall, Mary J. Page & Ezra B. Day.
From Sandwich Lydia Congdon, Susan G. Kempton, Phoebe Po-
gford, Sarah M. Easton, Ruth C. Baker, Mary Shepherd
and Alice Lawton.

From Falmouth - Jane C. Knott, Eunice Gay, Jane Pope,
Anna G. Barney and Lydia B. Hawkes.

From Smithfield - Phoebe S. Marsh, Elizabeth C. Osborne, Mary
A. Harmon, Ann M. Cotton, Martha Randall, Abigail
S. Hodges and Eleanor Buffum.

From Wassaic - Ann Jones, Ann Elmira Lang, Eunice
Vanblarcom, Almira S. Hanson, and Lavinia Jones.

From Dover - Abigail H. Hanson, Phoebe H. Fry, Ruth
Hawyer, Maria G. Sawyer, and Anna Long.

From Fairhaven - Oliver King, Sarah G. Sampson, Lydia
Shepherd, Lucy F. Hawkes, and Cynthia S. Jones;
whose names being called, they were present except four, for the ab-
sence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

By the Reports received at this time from the Quarterly Meetings,
we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Wassaic
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice Estes to the station
of an Elder - that Falmouth has united with Windham Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appear-
ances in the ministry of Eunice Day, with Windham Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public
appearances in the ministry of Joshua Douglass; and with

Huntington Monthly Meeting in appointing Naomi S. Parker and Anna Milliken to the station of Elders - that Fairfield has unity with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the station of an Elder; and in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow -

Lively and acceptable Epistles from our beloved Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Dublin, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, New York and Baltimore replete with excellent counsel, have been read at this time, afresh confirming us in the belief that this our Epistolary correspondence is a link in the Christian bond that has been strengthened by the trials that have been permitted to afflict the militant church -

We appoint our friends Alice Keene, Rachel S. Howland, Rhoda Howland, Ruth W. Baker, Lucy J. Hawkes, Abigail H. Hanson, Sarah M. Hobdy, Rebecca C. Penissman, Elizabeth Reader, Oscar S. Tucker, Mary B. Garrison, Sarah H. Anthony, Phoebe W. Gifford, Phoebe S. Faush, William Newhall, Susan Howland, Hannah G. Sawyer, Huldah M. Beede, Hannah Gould Jr., Hannah J. Taber, Anna G. Ford, Anna S. Dennis, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Eunice Day, Sarah J. Thompson and Gertrude E. W. Eastland to address, as may open for it, Essays of Epistles to our beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings & present at a future sitting -

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Thomas Hillis of Westbury Mo. Meeting - Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall Mo. Meeting (N. York) David Hunt of Cochin Mo. Meeting - Ohio, Isaac Fay of Mississinawa Mo. Meeting Indiana - Phoebe Bishop from Norwich Mo. Meeting, Canada West and Mary Ann Fisher & Hippo Mo. Meeting N. York - whose religious services have been satisfactory to us. Certificates from their respective meetings were read expressive of unity with them as ministers and in their present religious engagements.

We have also in attendance of this meeting our beloved Friends William E. Barker and Sarah S. Barker companion to our friend Phoebe Bishop, Lukes Thomas, companion to our friend Isaac Fay - Sarah Ann Hunt, companion to her husband David Hunt, and Eli Haines of Redstone Mo. Meeting - who presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings - The company of these

dear Friends with others from neighboring Yearly Meeting has been very acceptable to us.

We appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Betsey P. Wood, Mary A. Smith, Sarah F. Tobey, Mary C. Breed and Anna J. Dennis to have a summary from the Minutes and present at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and confer together on the subject of Clerks and report this afternoon.

Under a sense of Divine regard mercifully extended to us, we desire the tonic men of Scituate may meet this afternoon.

Friday afternoon assembled near the 4th hour.

Our friend Mary B. Fairbank on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they have consulted together and were united in proposing Susan Hinckley for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read. An interesting and impressive Memorial from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Wilthony, has been read, imparting deep instruction and encouragement, in a view of the efficacy and power of a living Faith with the alonning sacrifice of redeeming love and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord; impressing our minds with a renewed sense of the excellency of the power of the blessed truth, when yielded to in the morning of life, and which enabled this, our dear friend, through a long series of years, and under so many varied afflictions, to act the part of a valiant in the Lamb's warfare, and to become a living witness of the sufficiency of Divine grace for the salvation of the immortal soul.

An interesting Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time, and we appoint our Friends Eliza B. Boyce, Sarah L. Tiley, Sarah H. Simons, Hannah G. Sawyer, Sarah T. Simpson, Nancy Hucker, Anna J. Dennis, Mary A. Smith, Lucy J. Green, Miss Winn, Miss E. Cotton, Elizabeth W. Neades, Joseph Hawkes, Jane D. Hinckley, Mary White, Eliza Celia May, Abigail M. Hanson, Sarah Blake, Rockwell Curtis, Mary Peleg, Miss J. Johnson, Hannah B. Sawyer, Avis Keene and Eunice Metcalf to unite with similar committee of men & friends in considering the important positions therein contained and report at a future sitting.

The Report is as follows, viz -

"The Early Meeting."

The Committee charged with the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the two terms of the last year. For the Summer term there were admitted one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred and sixty-three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted during the Summer term by William H. Barney, Charles A. Smith, Timothy B. Cussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel; and Pamela C. Barney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B. Cussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel and Pamela C. Barney, as teacher of Latin by George H. Marston, and of French by Adele Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been engaged as teacher of Needle-work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the more immediate care of the schools and family during each month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the schools has been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the family, and orderly deportment observed with little exception.

The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on first day mornings have been held in the school-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises it has been found necessary, during the year past, to make some further expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long continued and severe drought occasioned a short supply of pure water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of rain water was depended on. The sufficient supply of this article being deemed indispensable, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan, now contemplated, of bringing up iron pipes, raised by a force pump,

the water of the spring situated on the easterly part of the school lands, to the school house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied. Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water works above mentioned, to about Fifty Five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited & settled. The receipts have been —

From the income of the School Fund	\$6. 897. 74
From the Charitable Fund, — — — —	481. 25
From a friend at Prince Edwards Island	50. 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery &c &c	36.2 31
Total receipts	\$ 19. 741. 29.

The expenditures have been —

By the Treasurer for Fire Insurance,	\$ 165. 66
Tax of 1853 — — — —	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund, —	440 00
Interest on \$6.500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution —	707. 93
Expense of copies of papers. — — — —	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the Support of the Institution, including Salaries, wages, sup- plies for the family, Farm expenses, repairs and improvements, — — — —	\$ 22,943 75
	\$ 24,459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution owing of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund was \$3,559 08.

This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding statement, during the last year, the sum of — — — A. 717 88.

Making the present debt — — — \$ 8,276 96.

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty nine dollars, thirteen cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtedness, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made

the previous year, but appear in the above account. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, namely seven cents for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853 and of seven hundred and seven dollars, namely five cents for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the Farm Fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed. What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes and improvements on the premises the present prices of Board and Lodging would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-Street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847 to the payment of the indebtedness incurred the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the light of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. This proposition was adopted, by the Yearly Meeting, since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right, therefore, and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the school funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the School Funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting, held 2nd month, 2nd, in view of the circumstances of the School, the following minute was adopted, viz.:

In the present condition of the Institution, in its social relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Suffering to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to the further continu-

"the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting held 4th month, 3^o were received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz.:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence, 3^o Mo. 9th 1835, the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (injunctions minute above recited,) and after a time of deliberation thereon in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to concur in the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

"In accordance with these conclusions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia H. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron residing in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general superintendence of the lands, buildings and property belonging to the Institution of every description; and we have authorized the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

"Bill of which he too submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

Seth Chase, Clerk.

"Worlford, 8th Mo., 9th 1835."

"We would gratefully commemorate the merciful love and mercy of our Father in Heaven extended to us, and encouraged steadfastly to persevere in the way cast up before us."

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3^o 10th morning. The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

"Under a solemn covering the Queries and Answers received from subordinate Meetings were read to the seventh inclusive, and the State of Society feelingly entered upon, eliciting much Christian counsel and admonition; impressing the minds of both elder and younger the renewed sense of individual responsibility in sustaining our Christian discipline to the honor of Truth.

"It is desired that we may be favored to gather again under the same feelings exercise of adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

3^d. day afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour. -

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with the Summary prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose which is satisfactory to this meeting.

The adjourn our Friends Visiting S. C. Smith, Mrs. C. Lang & Lydia C. Smith to prepare essays of returning minutes for our Friends in attendance of this meeting with certificates from other Yearly Meetings and present them at a future sitting.

The Committee appointed yesterday to unite with men Friends to consider the subjects contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, are also requested to bring forward the names of Friends to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year.

A lively and interesting memorial of our late beloved Friend Moses Wadsworth of Litchfield Monthly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time and impressively evinces the early watchful care of a godly concerned mother which was remarkably blessed to him, and we desire it, may be a strength and encouragement to those of this class who have been favored to partake of the exercises of this meeting on this deeply interesting subject.

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting and present to a future sitting to be forwarded to subordinate meetings.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

4th day Morning. - Met pursuant to adjournment.

Under a solemn covering where in a sense of heavenly good has prevailed, comparable to the manna gathered in its freshness, we adjourn to the time men Friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour.

Men Friends having furnished us with the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, a portion of them have been read which are of much interest to interest us.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New-York and Indiana have been read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee and the consideration of the state of the Institution generally, presented the following report - viz.:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propo-

tions made by the School Committee in their Report, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in relation to the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz:

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the Fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the Farm Fund, be approved; and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committee, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charges per term be \$40 for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are put at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also \$60 for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings; and \$100 for any who may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient language, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report last year. Address, Superintendant Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Appended is a list of names of Friends proposed to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

Publication of the Committee, Wm. C. Bates, Clerk.

August 6th A.D. 1850.

which was satisfactory - and our friends, Emma H. Wood, Sarah E. Holley, Olivia C. Oliver, Maria M. Wood, Rhoda Brewster, Lucia H. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Garnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Anna Elmira Lang, Lavinia May, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary C. Read, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith and Elizabeth Meader, are appointed to write with a similar committee of the mens meetings in attending to the various concerns of the Boarding School to report to this meeting next year.

A Report of the Committee on the Concern for the Indian located west of the Mississippi has been read, and much sympathy and increased interest have been felt and expressed for this interesting, injured portion of the human family.

Adjourned to the time when friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

3rd day afternoon the 14th - The Meeting again assembled near the 3rd hour.

The Representatives being called are all present who attended the first sitting - For the absence of two sufficient reasons were at this time assigned.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, North Carolina, Ohio and Baltimore, have been read and approved.

The Committee on Education made the following Report. viz:
"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting upon the subject of Education, Report: That they have not been unmindful of the object of their appointment, and although noojing has appeared to an extended field for active service, yet they have endeavored, by individual exertion, as opportunities have been afforded, to increase and diffuse an interest in the minds of Friends, upon this important subject.

As in former years, circulars were addressed to the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical and other information to all of which answers have been received; and from these the following summary has been compiled. viz:

Number of children under the care of the Quaker West.

between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1225
Number of children between 16 and 21 years.	479
Monthly Meeting Schools, -	1
Preparation Meeting Schools, -	1
Family Schools, -	2
'Friends' children attending Friends School exclusively about 170	
Do. " attending mixed Schools. -	1255
First Day Schools taught the past year under the care of Fds. 24 Village continuance of these Schools, five months.	
Number of children attending the same.	346
Do. — do. — do who are members of our Religious Society. -	358.
By a comparison of the above statistics with the information received last year, a slight diminution will appear, both in the number and in the attendance of Select Schools.	
We have, however, reason to believe that an unabated interest is still felt by Friends for the guarded education of our children, and that a strong desire pervades the minds of many parents to embrace such opportunities as their circumstances and situations may afford, for the right training of their beloved offspring and a solicitude that while their susceptible minds are being stored with knowledge, that the seeds of piety and virtue may be implanted therewith. We would encourage Friends in this undertaking, and believe that the acquisition of this important object is well worth every sacrifice which it may call for.	
We observe that the number of First Day Schools now in operation is reported less than last year. When we consider the advantages which would undoubtedly result to the youth of our Society from the regular attendance of these Schools, it is without a feeling of disappointment that we learn that less than one-fourth of the number of children amongst us are in the enjoyment of the benefits which these opportunities of instruction are calculated to afford. - We believe however, that a number of Friends are in the frequent practice of collecting their children in the family circle for scriptural instruction, and in this practice we would encourage parents who may be unable on account of their isolated situation in their respective neighborhoods to associate their children in a school	

capacity, for the purpose of imparting to their tender charge, a knowledge, not only of the Bible, but also of those principles and doctrines which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. We learn that a number of First Day Schools will soon be opened, in addition to those now in operation, and from the renewed interest which appears now to have been awakened on the subject, we are not without hopes that an increased number of First day Schools may be reported next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Henry G. Wood, Clerk.

Newport 6th. Mo. 14, 1855."

which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and the same officers are continued under appointment with the exception of Sarah M. Proutbridge, removed from S. B. Williams Monthly Meeting. Maria Winslow is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Our minds have been at this time renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of a guarded literary and religious education and an exercise has prevailed that those who are intrusted with the care of our children, may be favored to realize the responsibility resting upon them.

The Committee to prepare returning minutes for our Friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings presented them at this time, and they have been read, approved & signed.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been read, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to our subordinate meetings.

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf and forward the Epistles to the different Yearly Meetings.

The London printed Epistle has been read, and is deeply instructive; inciting us to increased watchfulness and humility in the various Christian duties that immediately concern our best interest and the welfare of our beloved Society.

Under an humble sense of our unworthiness of the many mercies that have been extended to us in this our Annual Meeting, we can gratefully acknowledge that we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and Christian concord, accompanied with a precious evidence that as we are concerned to keep near

To the blessed Head of the Church, we can realize that of a truth,
one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In a measure of the controlling influence of Divine love, we bid one another
affectionately farewell, profosing to meet at the usual time and place
next year.

Signed by direction made on behalf of the meeting,
William Cleveland, Clerk.

Summary Answers.

1st.— All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have
been attended, except a few small meetings mostly omitted in
consequence of sickness and inclemency of weather,
and generally by the greater part of our members, yet neglect is
plain in some instances, on which account some care has
been taken.— The hour nearly observed. Mostly preserved from
sleeping and other unbecoming behavior.

2^d.— Love and unit are maintained by most Friends. Detraction
not wholly avoided against. When differences have arisen
care has been taken to end them.

3^e.— We believe there is a care with most Friends to bring up
their under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior
and apparel; to restrain them from pernicious reading,
and from corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein
themselves, yet many deficiencies are apparent in the support
of our testimonies in these respects.— The Holy Scriptures are
frequently read in Friends' families.

4th.— Careful in the several particulars of this query except a
few instances of attending places of public amusement.

5th.— The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Their
children partake of learning. One instance of placing from
amongst Friends.—

6th.— Most parents and heads of families, with many of the

young and unmarried are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be eligible to discipline, yet instances have occurred where some care has been taken.

7th - Mostly clear in regard to the several requisitions of this year - one instance of contributing to the support of an itinerant ministry, where care has been taken.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts as far as appears; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th - Friends are mostly careful as to records - some deficiencies in regard to certificates, on which account some care has been taken.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as required after - though not so seasonably in all cases as would be best - and judgment we have been placed in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

Extracts.

We have been deeply impressed through the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting with a sense of our dependence on the All-wise and Almighty helper of His people, and although many of us assembled at this time with the language in our hearts, "by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small," yet we would gratefully acknowledge that condescender goodness and mercy have been extended to us, and that in Christian fellowship we have been permitted to experience a little of that strength which is made perfect in weakness.

Lively and instructive epistles from our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings have been comforting to us at this time, confirming us in the belief that this epistolary correspondence is a link in the Christian bond that has been strengthened by the trials that have been permitted to assail the militant church. An interesting and impressive memorial from Green-

wick Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved Friend Thomas Dinsmore, has been read, imparting deep instruction and encouragement, in a view of the efficacy and power of a living faith in the atonement, sacrifice of seductive love and money through Jesus Christ our Lord; impressing our minds with a renewed sense of the excellency of the power of the ever blessed truth, when yielded to in the morning of life, and which enabled this, our dear Friend, through a long series of years, and under deep and varied afflictions, to act the part of valiant in the Lamb's warfare, and to become a living witness to the sufficiency of Divine grace for the salvation of the immortal soul.

A solemn concern has also been spread over this meeting, in reading a memorial from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, of our late beloved Friend Moses Hadsworth, and we have been again impressed with a sense of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father extended to those who are concerned as safe to come under the protecting influence of the spirit of Truth.

The state of Society, as reported by the answers to the queries, has introduced the minds of many into deep exercise, that the attendance of all our religious meetings might be faithfully observed by Friends, believing that the propagation of the cause of Truth and the prosperity of Zion, very much depends on our faithfulness in this Christian duty; and we reverently trust that the pure mind in many has been awfully stirred up to increasing vigilance in sustaining the beautiful order and healthful tendency of our Christian discipline. Mothers have been tenderly admonished to train their dear children in the right way of the Lord, and much affectionate counsel and advice has been imparted in the love of the gospel for her encouragement, faithfully to discharge the responsible duties devolving on them in the interesting station they occupy as wives and mothers—exerting as they do a powerful influence in the different relations of life, and making impressions on the youthful mind never to be effaced.

Appropriate and impressive advice has been extended to Friends, both elder and younger, on the subject of silent worship and waiting upon the Minister of Ministers, who is supposed to instruct and teach his people himself; uniting the entire members of the church in one after the spirit received

of the gospel, and preparing the heart to offer the acceptable tribute of prayer and praise.

Reports from our Boarding School Committee, and the Committee on Education, have been acceptably read, and our minds have been renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of a guarded literary and religious education; and an exercise has provided that those who are intrusted with the care of our children, may be favored to feel and realize the responsibility resting upon them. We desire that parents may be concerned to impress upon their children a right estimate of the value of the Holy Scriptures and of the truths therein contained, believing that as their minds are stored with a knowledge of these invaluable writings, it may prove a blessing in bringing them in early life to surrender their wills to the cross of Christ.

A report of the Committee on the concern for the Indians, located west of the Mississippi, has been read, and much sympathy and increased interest has been felt and expressed for this deeply interesting and much injured portion of the human family.

We have had the acceptable company of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been encouraging and strengthening to us.—

Under an humbling sense of our unworthiness of the many mercies that have been extended to us in this our Annual Meeting, we can gratefully acknowledge that we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and Christian condescension, accompanied with a precious evidence that as we are concerned to keep near to the blessed Head of the Church we can realize that if a truth, one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In a measure of the contriting influence of Divine love, we bid one another affectionately farewell—proposing to meet at the usual time and place next year.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Southwark Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year was received
in our meeting when in Session, and was comforting and edifying.
We are now again permitted to assemble as a Yearly
Meeting, and very precious to us is the sense of the unity, and
joyful acknowledging in belief of friends with whom we may minister
the sweet intercourse in a correspondence of this nature.
How strengthening is the assurance, that wherever situated
we are engaged in the same glorious work, called to the same
high mission, dependent upon the same mighty power; and
that if we are faithful, we are chiefly concerned to advance the
cause of our Holy Redeemer. How tendering is the thought of
his good and kind notice to us, in that while we were yet sinners,
he died for us; that he rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven
and now reigns over us. Mediator and Successor with his Father.
How shall we now come boldly to the throne of grace - in His
name we may put up our prayers, and feel the blessed assurance
that they are heard in Heaven. - The faith that is of Jesus Christ,
the fountain of the gospel, does indeed tend to bind us together, and those
that truly have this faith, - that are really trusting in the same
Savior, that are engaged above all things else, to know and to do
his will, cannot fail to live one another - that so to each other
sisterly relations, following the same gracious leader, as beavering
towards the same glorious city, and extending the hand of fellow-
ship and offering the language of encouragement, they are concerned
in their road each other in the journey of life.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that our present Yearly
meeting has been a season of favor, and we have been enabled to
attend to the affairs of the church that have claimed our attention
with much unity of feeling. The importance of attending our religious
meetings has claimed our very serious attention at this time,
and we have been made to feel that a willing offering
to the Lord, it is our reasonable service to render unto Him
that worship which is his due; and though discouragements may
rise still we believe as our hearts are given up to serve Him who
ruleth us in his own way, that we shall find it a blessed privilege
to retire from the engrossing scenes of life, and shutting out, as

and which we trust will do much good - trust in submission,
to give the best - precious concern, we fully believe that
he will condescend to be very near to us with his love, wisdom, grace,
and his anointed with his love and peace.

Nothing has been tenderly calculated to give assistance to the
instruction and right training of their precious children - the lamb
committed to them in the wilderness of this world; and we trust
that many hearts have been humbled before the Lord in viewing
the responsibility resting upon them. It is indeed a most serious
and solemn consideration that the children committed to us,
are with the ability that God may give, to be trained not only
for this life, but for that which is to come, even for that which
is unseen and eternal. And, God, unceas'd and dependent
as we are, to whom shall we look but to our Father in Heaven.
We hope to go straight in and out before those eyes, and your ability
to count those wayward & wavering to speak to them, the joys
of His salvation.

In this first glimmer of gospel love, we bid you
affectionately Farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

You have been brought singly into our remem-
berance at this time, via measure of that love that deserves the
name of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders; that we
Dear members, favored with diversities of gifts, may be built
together, as one living body, over which our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ is head; and here, we come to witness an establish-
ment on that Rock, against which, the gates of hell cannot
prevail; even one abiding in their own lot, watching and praying
may have an ear to hear, what the Spirit saith unto the church.
For the Lord hath spoken: - And there are hidden ones among his
people, whose hearts have uttered in secret before him, a language
similar to the prophet: "Oh Lord! I have heard thy speech, and
was afraid." Oh Lord! revive thy work, in the midst of the years,
in the midst of the years, make known: in wrath, remember mercy

and oh, for thine anointed to take his stand in judgment,
at this time to vindicate in a true place, you from the right, to rescue
thee from them in thy pavillion; in the day of controversy, for the Lord
hath a controversy with his people; and he will plead with Israel,
as in days of old.

Our Annual Assembly has been large at this
time, and mercifully opened in the several sittings thereof, by the
spirit of God, whose mercies are new every morning.

We have been blessed in attendance several hundred friends
from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel
counsel have been seasonably refreshing to many poor souls.

Many lively and precious testimonies have been borne,
of the efficacy of that grace through faith in Christ Jesus, by which
we are saved; and that light and power by which we are enabled
whilst we are gathered to be a people, and sent forth in gospel love
to witness to the light.

Our beloved young Friends, many of whom
in attendance have been tenderly entreated, to choose now
in the morning of their day, the Lord for their portion, the God
I seek for the lot of this inheritance. An affectionate solicitude
will abide in hell for those both with you and us, who, through
the blessing of precious parents, have been as soiled garments in
this "In their house who love the truth and believe in it as
the only sure foundation, a tabernacle never to be taken down;
where the cross of Christ is yet, in a measure a stumbling block;
but these little ones come very near, and learn of him, who said,
"The yoke is easy, and my burden light", that they may find
rest to their souls. Such unity of feeling has prevailed in
answering the weighty concerns of Society; the present state
which, has led many feeling remarks and seasonable counsel
on the subject of attending our religious meetings. Much sympa-
thy was felt and encouragement given to those remote from
meetings, who have many discouragements attending them;
and often small, and feeble reasons. He who said, "When two or
three are gathered in my name there will I be in the midst
of them", has never failed to keep his promises to those who wait
on him in spirit and in truth. The silence silent spiritual
counsel is as acceptable an offering as man can bring before the

Author of his being, and that these sacrifices of contrite Spirits, are
written in the book of remembrance.

The daily reading of the Holy
Scriptures in our families has been encouraged; believing a
frequent recurrence to their sacred precepts, has proved to many
as a wall of defence against the insroads of a too worldly spirit;
and against temptation in various forms.

With a salutation of love we are your Friends.

Signed & addressed and on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

To New-York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In attempting to address you, and acknowledge
the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of this year, we recently
desire to know our minds clothed with that pure spirit of divine
love by which alone we can be qualified to perform any good work,
and which will enable those who take heed to the shining of its
light in their hearts, to respond to the salutation of each other, as
face answereth to face; and to speak a word in season to the
comfort and encouragement of fellow travellers, seeking a more
enduring inheritance. And may we, dear Sisters, be truly
engaged to press forward towards the mark, for the sake of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and by thus yielding
to the operation of divine grace in our hearts, and seeking the
preservation on the right hand and on the left, we may be
humble instruments for the promotion of that blessed Cause
which is dignified with immortality and crowned with
eternal life, and through the mercy of Him who "Himself
took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," we may be
filled and prepared for a never ending state of existence.

During the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting
mutual unanimity and harmony have prevailed, and we
have been favored, as we humbly trust to experience the over
shadowing of Divine Goodness to be mercifully spread over us.

In reviewing the state of Society, although many
deficiencies still exist among us, we have been comforted in the

evidence presented that there are many among the younger as well as the older class with us who are very willing to consecrate themselves to the service of our great Creator.

The importance of attending our religious meetings has been well advertized to us, and we have seen much encouragement to attend them. The venerable service of presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, and every atom to God, and to induce the individual to mind his own life, in our service of the Church, we would not seek for a better to "consecrate the Lord in the beauty of holiness." For we are not our own, we are bought with a price.

The responsibility of Mothers has been forcibly impressed upon us, and the necessity of endeavoring early to impress the tender minds of our children with the love of the Truth as it is in Jesus; that as they are willing to submit to its restraint and to follow its dictates, they may know that, "His ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

We tenderly sympathize with our beloved sisters of other lands. We find in them a spirit that has waited with infinite patience and fidelity, and we earnestly desire they may be encouraged to hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering, in that feeling which breathes, "Peace on earth, and goodwill to men;" remembering the words of our blessed Saviour. "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another".

Of the number of those whom places among you now know them no more, there were some whom we knew and loved, and we would unite in a tribute of affectionate regard to their memory, in humble acquiescence to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

We can well do grieve the continued instance of the flight of slaves in our favored land, yet our faith is at times mercifully strengthened in the belief that He who of old beheld the Israelites under their affliction, also "feels the affliction" of this oppressed people and will yet condescend to come down to deliver them.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of several

day is given to another year - so long as the wickedness of these
times and the work of evil spirit ministrations has been continuing,
and it will be so.

With the consolation, we remain your friends,
united & divided and in behalf of the Master,
Susan Howard Clark.

No^r North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends Dear Sisters,

Being invited again to assemble under the same trust
under the wing of circuit friends to transact the weighty affairs
of the church, our hearts have been comforted, and our confidence
in the watchful care of our Heavenly Father has been strengthened
while listening to the sweet messages of love from other dear sisters
who are engaged with us in the same righteous cause of faith and
patience. For the covering of peace which has been spread
over us, and the unanimity of feeling which has pervaded this
meeting during its sitting our hearts have been raised in grate-
fulness to the God of love, who alone can keep us in the cords
which bind us. However trouble may be experienced, in the har-
monious Christian sisterhood.

The Epistle from our beloved sisters of Ohio Yearly Meeting
written as it was amid circumstances of peculiar trial, and breath-
ing a spirit of resignation and quiet trust, was indeed touching
addressing itself to our warmest sympathies - and many were the
gentle desires expressed that the waves of affliction which have
been permitted to roll over her friends in that portion of our land
we may not even behold them, but that the same benignity from
which has thus far, given a wonderful support, may continue its
protecting power, and sweeten for them every bitter cup.

Many of us have been humbled at the present time, in
view of the many trials, both spiritual and temporal, which
our heavenly Father is conning upon us, and the language of
"In heart question," "What shall we render unto the Lord for all
His benefits -- O, may each of us be enabled to say - "Lord, I will
take the cup of salvation, and call upon thy name; I will
praise my foes which I have made in the presence of all the
world."

You who have written, in your Epistle of 1st. Cor. last, to the deep exhortation which you have given introduced by the many deficiencies appearing among you in regard to the subject of our Christian testimonies.

We heartily sympathize with you with this exhortation. Our hearts also have been grieved at a similar manifestation of indifference among our members, and we trust, prayers have ascended to Him who is the power of salvation, and over us, and over only unerring Guide - that those who are profiting opportunity, ambition or any worldly consideration, may be turned away from the straight and narrow path which leads through the green pastures, and beside the still waters, may be awakened to a deeper and more abiding sense of their religious duties, and that their aspirations may be raised above the earthly, & sin-strewn instance of this fading scene, to other - pure enjoyments which are in store for the meek and faithful followers of the Lamb.

We have at this time the company of several dear Friends from other Years, & Meetings, whose gospel labors have been very gratifying and encouraging to us. And we have been reminded of other beloved ones who were among us at our last annual gathering, but who have been since called from their labors in the church militant, to their reward, as we humbly believe, in the church triumphant. And may you with us be prepared to meet them with the ransom'd, "just now in the blessed mansion prepared for those, who, by patient continuance in well-doing are admitted unto the end."

We continue to sympathise with you upon the subject of Slavery, and sincerely desire to embrace every opportunity which may appear in the light of truth to aid in severing the fetters which hold so many of our fellow-men as captives within our borders. We would not enter into a mere lukewarm sentiment in regard to this important truth, but would remember those in bonds as bound with them.

Such solicitude has been felt and expressed by Friends at the same time upon the subject of Education. The interests of our Boarding School have claimed our solid consideration, and while we regret the necessity of its temporary suspension, we are enabled to hope that it may soon be reopened, and restore to our youth its former usefulness.

With the salutation of love we remain your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Susan Howland Clark.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of 19th month last, and have been comforted and encouraged in hearing it read with the evidence which has attended that you have been sustained amid all your trials - and that Help from on High has been extended in the needful time. Yea, that a way has been made for your deliverance where there seemed to be no way, and that as you have been engaged to have your feet planted upon the Rock - the Lord has condescended to establish your going. We would therefore dear sisters affectionately encourage you to be ever in true humility and godly fear, asking counsel of every step, of Him who doth not withhold to guide His people in the paths of true judgment, as their eye is kept singly unto Him.

It is the earnest desire of our hearts that as our beloved Society has been brought to pass as it were through the clouds and through the fire, that it may come forth from the furnace purified - that those who still have the privilege of membership herein, may dwell under a sense of their responsibility, and may be concerned not to undervalue or abuse any of these privileges, but by individual faithfulness and watchful enterprise, be enabled to build up the castle, blood - that we should build every man against his own house. May we be willing to purchase each one of our excellent testimonies for ourselves, and not receive them merely as traditions from the fathers, that our principles may still be professed in the life and power of that primitive church, in which we are founded, and of which they are intended to present a living exemplification.

We greatly desire that our dear young friends may be willing to come under the mild yoke of Christ - that they may be taught in His school whose wise and heavenly discipline will be bless to their souls - that they may listen to the "still small voice" of Him who teacheth as never man taught; and thus be led and guided into all truth - and that they may study the scriptural grounds of our belief and thereby be confirmed in the assurance that it rests on a solid and permanent foundation.

We have been favored at this time with quiet and harmonious meetings - The answers to the Queries present many deficiencies

amongst us, on which account a large sum of Gold has been
got, and because that has been administered, we hope under right
authority. We have brought to feel renewedly our entire depen-
dence on the Lord for supplies of grace and strength - yet we
are encouraged to believe that this blessed Rest will be granted
to the humble waiting followers; and that He who of old led his
people through manifold dangers and besements, is still near
to him with his own purposes by his almighty power - May we
not be found among those who having seen his goodness and
been constrained to sing his praise, have soon forgotten his works
but rather diligent to seek to become fit for bearing branches
of the true vine, in living fellowship with Christ and one with
another.

The company of Friends from other yearly meetings has been
most acceptable to us, and their gospel labors refreshing and edi-
cating.

The interesting report of the Committee on Indian affairs
has been read, which has introduced our minds into sympathy
for this most injured race, and a desire has prevailed that we
may be prepared to assist in every right effort for their improvement
and comfort.

The cry of the oppressed of every class, has entered into the ear of
the Lord of Sabaoth - May we as humble instruments in His hand,
be made to contribute our mite towards the lessening of the great
weight of human sin and suffering, remembering that he who
ministers to whomsoever we can do good, of whatever nation, kindred,
tongue or tribe he may be, and that it is from the universal
church on earth - will be gathered the blessed company which
shall surround the Throne in Heaven.

With the salutation of love we are your Friends.

Should be directed and in behalf of the meeting,

Susan Howland Clerk.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In a meeting, truly social, we understand a concourse
for the welfare of the church, which has from the beginning been
granted to our annual assemblies, we affectionately address you
at this time, and it is with humble hearts that we acknowledge
the help afforded us in this our solemn gathering, whereby we have
been enabled to transact the important affairs laid before us in
Christian love.

Your lively Epistle of 10th Month last has been received.
the reading thereof with those from other Yearly Meetings have been
encouraging and comforting to us, and we have felt a renewal of
desire that the goodness and mercy of Him from whom we derive
all our blessings, may exhort us to love and to serve Him with fervency
of soul, and to crave that under the influence of the Spirit of
His Son, we may in all things be enabled to magnify His holy name.
And dear Friends, altho' trials may attend the path of allotted
duty, may you be sustained under all these; and feeling sensible
your own insufficiency, may you look unto the Lord your merciful
with steadfast reliance on Him, the Father of mercies and the
sure support of all that yield obedience to Him, and trust in Him -
and discern that a man judiciously wait and avail to hope for the
salvation of the Lord.

Our minds have been clothed with solicitude,
dear young Friends, that you may submit unreservedly to the
intimations of divine love mercifully extended to you, by which
you will be preserved from the persecutions and temptations of the
present world, and become prepared to sit at the feet of the
blessed Master, to hear the gracious words that proceed out
of His mouth, and like Mary ponder them in your hearts -
but let not your attention, the day I small things, rememb
ing that he that is faithful in little is faithful also in the much;
that may be committed to Him - thus be an humble dedication
heart to the intimations of divine wisdom, you will be favored to
make steady progress in the service of God, and
know Jesus Christ.

We have been favored with the company of several dear
sisters from other Yearly Meetings - the gospel labors and union

o friend, how we welcome you and thank you.

You will perceive in the course of my life, how little
the Union cause may continue to claim our attention, and may
we all continually of our Heavenly Father that every yoke of
bondage may be broken and the oppressed of every clime become
free, and may we always be anxious of every opening to promote their
comfort and improve their condition.

With the consolation of love we bid you Farewell.

"Will be directed and on behalf of the Meeting.

Mosiah "Lindsey East."

To Sister Anna Steele, Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sister

I have been brought afresh at this time to our
remembrance, in that feeling of Christian love and fellowship
which now unites the various members of the Church of
Christ, and we would gratefully acknowledge us among the
many bencies of our Heavenly Father, the feeling of love and
fellowship which has been evidently felt and manifested in the
various meetings of our Yearly Meeting. The fruits of the Spirit are,
love, joy, peace, and while we have still bound to one another our
hearts have been enlarged towards you, our dear distant Sisters,
desiring that you with us, may be one in the Lord.

The great doctrine of Redemption by Jesus Christ has been
so vivid and impressively proclaimed among us at this time,
that it is a great and important doctrine, which cannot be too much
dwelt upon—the foundation of the Christian's hope.
But while we undoubtingly receive the scripture testimony
concerning the birth, life, miracles, sufferings, death and resurrection
of our Savior, let us not rest so long with this, but in
that saving faith which is the substance of believing, yet, we must
be void of all things not true, let us consider his mission in this world,
that he may be conformed to his species, for owing by his assistance
in his Divine footstep, imitating his blessed example, "going about, do-
ing well," "and that he "fulfilled from all bitter and travail and
trou and sorrow and sickness with all manner," and we
are indeed in a condition to call one another, even as God, to Christ.

sake hath forgiven us!'

And, dear young sisters, we feel bound to address you in the language of earnest entreaty, that now in the morning of life, you will give your hearts to serve the Lord, and choose him for your portion. — He loves an early sacrifice, and His promise is sure "He that cometh into the sheepfold shall feed me." He is not a hard master, neither is a God afar off, but stands at the door of every heart knocking to be admitted. — Let us open unto him. And oh, the blessedness and peace there is in serving him, and in knowing our will to be not even in subjection, but in perfect union with His divine will. — Then hard things will be made easy, and bitter things sweet, and in the time of trial and temptation which must come soon or late to each one of you, you will know that you have a Friend on whom you can rely with confidence and safety; "who has been tempted in all points like as you are, yet without sin," and who can therefore fully sympathise in all our weakness and infirmities given that he himself hath suffered temptation. He is able to succour them that are tempted. Does not His wonderful love & condescension call for our warmth & solicitude, and can we refuse him the devotion of our hearts, when he asks, "my son, my daughter, give me thy heart?" —

The subject of the faithful attendance of our religious meetings has called forth a living exercise in many minds. May you with us be afresh animated to overcome the obstacles which may present to the performance of this obvious and important duty — and when assembled for the solemn purpose of Divine Worship, let us earnestly endeavor that every thought may be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. — Having our minds withdrawn from every thing outward, let us earnestly endeavor to lift up our hearts in prayer unto God, that he may bless our assembling together, and help us to worship him in spirit and in truth — and may we confidently hope, if we走 on the simplicity of faith, that our way will lead to the beatitudes.

The frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, that our Father in Heaven would open our understandings to comprehend their sacred truths, and our hearts to receive their blessed and comforting influences, has been felt to be among the important means of bringing us to the enjoyment of that life, "which is hid

with the mind, and to seek to minister to it, so that it may be
brought to bear in this life, in some instance, to the salvation
of the world for the righteous."

The still deeper, yet still the distressed and dejected
condition of those held in bondage of their sins, little
than bonds seem scarcely bound, and the magnetic influence
of sin, yet it cannot easily be overcome. Therefore, we write
to unde the heavy burden and let the oppressed know, that
He will hasten the day of their redemption - and, may he be
praised so watchful, that when any opening presents for
such relief in such behalf, he may be prepared to embrace it.

With a salutation of love, to remain your affec.

Received by direction and on behalf of the trustees,

Susan Howland Clark.

At New-England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport on Rhode Island - The meeting for Discipline
commencing 16th. of 6th Month 1836 -

From the documents received from our several Quarterly
Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been ap-
pointed Representatives to this Meeting - viz.

From Rhode Island - Susan H. Tracy, Phoebe Gray, Elizabeth
Peckham, Mary A. Smith, Sarah Leighton, Hannah C.
Robinson, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Meader & Anna S. Dennis
From Salem - Elizabeth Gove, Lois Greene, Beulah W. Rogers,
Anna C. Brad, Hannah Fox, Hannah S. Sawyer, Susy
J. Page, Ruth D. Page and Miriam Marshall.

From Windham - Mary Gifford, Rhoda Howland, Elizabeth
Pillingham, Ruth H. Baker, Abigail Davis, Sarah M.
Easton, Anna E. Almy and Mary G. Macomber.

From Smithfield - Mary A. Fairman, Ruth F. S. Sarah
H. Earle, Mary B. Wing, and Sarah H. Earle.

From Falmouth - Eunice J. Rice, Hannah H. Jones, Jane
C. Hinckley, Mary Hawkes, Lucia Weston & Hannah L.
Hawkes.

From Yassalboro - Almira S. Hanson, Ann Elmira Lang,
Susanna Sims, Eunice Van Blarcom, Sybil Estes,
Susan Hause, Lydia P. May and Elmira Fisher.

From Dover - Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Hannah
G. Sawyer, Sarah B. Roberts, Martha Meader and
Phoebe H. Meader.

From Fairfield - Chloe Douglas, Patience D. Swan, Eliza-
beth J. Simpson, Lucy J. Hawkes, & Cynthia L. Sims.
Also one from Salt Lake.

By the report from Salem Quarterly
Meeting we are informed that they have united with New-
Hampshire Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Page,
and Sabina H. Page to the station of Elders - We are also
informed that Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with
Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phoebe H.
Meader to the same station.

Accordingly, shall, with pleasure, be welcome
the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Indiana, Ohio,

New York, North Carolina, and Baltimore have been sent to
the home which is an appropriate introduction. We are all
invited to do so, that this our gathering may be more
reverent in the simplicity of the truth as it is expressed.

We appoint our Friends, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth
Cox, Hannah G. Major, Anna C. Lewis, Mary A. Grinn, Anna
H. Jackson, Elisabeth Meader, Huldah H. Beede, Rhoda Howland,
Sarah H. Tobey, Gertrude H. Cartland, Phoebe R. Gifford, Anna
F. Connell, Ruth H. Baker, Dorcas H. Tucker, Chloe Douglass,
Carrie Van Blarcom, Phoebe H. Meader, Miriam Newhall,
Anna J. Cook, Susan Howland, Mary A. Grinn, Anna
Cox & Ann Elmira Langford Mary E. Reed to prepare
these representations, and present them at a future
sitting of this meeting.

We appoint our Friends Lydia Congdon, Sarah S. Tobey,
Phoebe Gifford and Hannah Page to prepare a summary to be
sent in connection with the Answers to the Queries, and present
the same sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close
of this sitting to confer together on the subject of Clerks and, report
this afternoon.

The gathering of this our Annual Meeting has been
a season of solemnity, and the tribute of blessing and praise
in the first, arisen from the altar of many hearts.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet this afternoon
Tuesday afternoon. Meet near the 4th Hour.

Our Friend Elisabeth Meader, on behalf of the Repre-
sentatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together
and were united in, choosing Susan Howland for Clerk and
David H. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved they
were elected for the ensuing year.

The minutes of last year were now read.

Following at this meeting the acceptable company of our
dear Friends, Fred D. Weston of Unionville Monthly
Meeting, Indiana; David H. Bennett of Butterfield Monthly
Meeting, Anna Adams of Marlborough Monthly Meeting
Stow, Ohio; Birsheba G. Berondeen of Farmington Monthly Meet-
ing, S. G. Huldah H. Hoag of East Grove Monthly Meeting New-
haven & W. H. May of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; and

since the meeting of Whitefield, Montague, Hartley, & others; extracted from their respective meetings, by passing of cards with them as ministers, and with their present various engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the weighty company of our beloved Friends C. and F. Pendleton, companion to his wife Rebecca Hyatt; Mr. Chapman, companion to our friend Bushnell G. Mandeville, Henry Bull companion to our friend David H. Bennett; William W. companion to our friend David Patterson; William Kenworthy companion to his wife Ann Kenworthy; Ephraim B. Ratcliff companion to our friend Huldah H. Hoag; Esther Hallaway companion to Susie G. Mandeville & Esther Knight companion to Huldah H. Hoag. - Satisfactory testimonials in their behalf from their several meetings have been received and read.

The London printed Epistle has been read at this time, renewing in our minds a sense of the love of God through Him who is the way, the truth and the life. - May the sound gospel truth enunciated through this medium have a lasting impression upon our minds, and prove an incentive to increased vigilance in the maintenance of our important doctrines and testimonies, that so immediately concern the present and future welfare of our Religious Society.

Under a sense of heavenly regard, we adjourned till the 10th hour to morrow morning.

3^d day morning - Assembled near the 10th hour. -

After a season of retirement the meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society by reading the Minutes and Statements received from the several Quarterly Meetings together with a summary prepared by the Committee, apropos thereto. Much feeling and weighty admonition has been impressed on the importance of a diligent attendance of all our religious meetings, and the maintenance of love and unity, believing a want of it will make way for the bitter fruits of contention, so inconsistent with the peaceable spirit of the Gospel - love to God and love one to another. - The deep and heartfelt conviction of the deficiencies apparent amongst us is calculated to incite to increased vigilance in the discharge of our various religious duties, involving we believe the welfare of our Society and greatly

clarifying the promotion of the blessed cause of Truth; individually and collectively. We have all been tenderly admonished to increased watchfulness, even unto prayer, that the enemy of all righteousness may not prevail, in laying waste our precious testimony given out to bear, and purchased for us through suffering and persecution.

The Clerk has directed to copy our extracts from the minutes of this meeting, and present at a future sitting, to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At 4 o'clock shall pursue it to adjournment.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time which is satisfactory; and the Friends, now under appointment are continued for another year, and are requested to give attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and to report to this meeting next year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention to the objects of their appointment and now report.—

"That the school being vacated at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee were desirous, as by minute of the Yearly Meeting, "to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as might be practicable, for such opening."

In consequence of this conclusion, the Committee proceeded to consider what arrangements would best promote its objects, and on mature deliberation came to the following results, viz:

"That it is desirable and expedient in the proposed opening of the school, to provide that the teacher in the school shall be remunerated for by contract at a fixed rate to be hereafter agreed upon, the same to be made satisfactory to the Committee.

"That it is also further desirable and expedient, that the board of scholars should be provided for by contract at a fixed price under such regulations as may be established by the Committee, including all the domestic arrangements of the family.

The Committee were enabled to carry out these conclusions,

substantially, by a contract entered into with Joseph Cartland, who with his wife conduct the school, entitling them to an income, to become the Principals and Superintendents of the school, to furnish the necessary assistant teachers, and the board of the scholars, and to conduct the school in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Committee, both as to Teachers that are employed by them, and in all other respects, and to pay all expenses that accrue from their conduct to the school.

For the purpose of carrying out this Contract, it was agreed that they should have the use of the School premises, and that as compensation for the services required by the contract, they should receive the moneys paid for board and tuition of the scholars, have the use and improvement of the farm, and that they should receive from the income of the school, viz., the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid them semi-annually, one half at the close of each term.

Under this arrangement, the School was opened for the winter term on Fourth Day, 31st. of Oct., month last, and one hundred and fifty-seven pupils were then and subsequently admitted, and attended the school for the whole or part of the term; of whom eighty-three were males, and seventy-four were females.

The assistant Teachers employed, were Timothy B. Hussey, Charles W. Earle, Elizabeth S. Jones, Anna Mc. Neel, Pamela C. Farney and Sarah E. Whittier, in the English branches; Joseph W. Congdon Teacher of Greek, Latin, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Catharine E. Claase Teacher of French, German, and needle Work, and Marianna Stanton, Teacher of Drawing.

The various branches taught in the School, are indicated by the above list of Teachers, and they embrace such as are believed to be most useful in fitting the pupils for the various studies of life.

The Committee have exercised a constant supervision over the institution in its various departments during the year, and since the opening of the School have held meetings every 1st of the month, excepting June, month, twice in addition, appointed at each meeting, for its more immediate ex-

Was a source of much satisfaction to believe that the institution had been conducted in a manner to promote the objects of its establishment. That good order and harmony have generally prevailed, and that the progress of the scholars in their various studies has been satisfactory. Care has been taken to promote a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles.

"Sabbath worship" in all its manners, have been held in the School House as heretofore the scholars at various attending the meeting of Friends, in Providence. But these meetings the conduct of the School has been economical, and many of them have been seasons of much interest.

The examination at the close of the term, was attended by many of the members of the School Committee, by members of the First Meeting's Committee in devotion and other Friends. The exercises of the scholars gave evidence of attention and diligence in their pursuit, and of faithfulness on the part of the Principals and assistant Teachers. There was evidence that much care had been exerted to promote the objects of the Institution, in imparting a guarded education, and instilling into the minds of the children, the principles of moral and virtue. The close of the examination, was marked an interesting, & pastoral with the Schools, which was marked by much solemnity, and we trust may be remembered by them in after time.

"The health of the scholars has generally been preserved. One death has taken place. George W. Underhill, of Newbury, a young Friend, who for several terms had been at the school, and who had, by his orderly and exemplary deportment, endeared himself to the officers of the Institution, died very suddenly of malignant sore throat. On this occasion a solemn meeting was held at the school, which was a solemn and favored season. After which the remains were conveyed to his Friends.

The following minute was made by the Committee in reference to this event: "This renewed evidence of the unceasing providence of God, has clothed our minds with feelings of deep

society with and an unmet misnamed desire that we may all
coexist in full to the promotion of our beloved Lord and
Savior. "Righteousness unto me, salvation unto all,
which is not far from me." ^{of man's mouth."}

In accounting the Institution has been examined and
audited. The receipts to the Charitable Fund, stand as
follows, viz:

Receipts for the year,	\$ 453 00
For monthly board and tuition fee demand	320 00
" for due payment from the Fund last year,	8 75.
On or before presentation of the excess of the last term, applicable to the consideration \$ 6 25.	
	\$ 453 00.

The accounts relating to the general Fund stand as
follows, viz:

Receipts, from income of School Fund \$ 6 434 84	
" from funds so committed.	1145 10.
	\$ 8 066 94.

Payments, exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principals;	
" By Treasurer to C. W. Earle, while the school was vacated, for his services and for sundry incidental expenses on the farm &c. \$ 8 3 94.	
Insurance, \$ 165. Interest, \$ 228.46 - - -	393 46.
Repairs, Furniture, &c.	1 a 485 35.
" by Dr. Eastland on contract,	1 a 316 16
	\$ 4 a 284 95

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of \$ 2. 345 99
This sum has been applied towards the payment of the debts of
the Institution.

These debts as reported last year, were.	\$ 8 a 276 96
Of which there was due from the Charitable Fund,	
Since paid from that fund - - - - -	8 75
Leaving the debt against the general Fund	\$ 8 a 268 21
From which deduct the above excess of receipts over expenditures the past year. - - -	2 a 315 99.

* As an offset to this expenditure, it may be stated, that of the produce of the farm
the past year, there remained on hand, when the school was closed last fall
sundry articles, valued at \$ 6 233. 39. which were taken by the Principal to be used
in the Institution, and for which he is to account.

Luminous, present bill according the general laws S. 5. Ch. 82. Ed
However, present arrangements will be seen, that would
be made for the gradual removal of the Society. The Institution.
The attention of the Committee has been directed to the subject
of course of study, & such action is the last limit of a systematic
education, to be continued through a period of four years. This course
is not intended to interfere in any degree with the instruction
and labor given in the School, but to be applicable only to those who
may wish to pursue it, and in this view, it has met with the appro-
bation of the Committee.

We would propose that the charge per term of twenty-two
weeks, for board and tuition be \$46, for members of our Yearly
Meeting; \$36 for members of other Friends' Meetings, and when
no or both parents are members of our Religious Society, we would
charge of members of our Religious Society, \$100
for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term addi-
tional charge continue to be made, for instruction either in
the ancient languages, in French, or in Drawing;—Books
and Stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

To certain regulations as heretofore agreed upon by the
Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manners and
terms of the admission of scholars, &c., we refer to the accompanying
Circular, issued by the Committee, in the seventh month last.

We commend the Institution to the continued interest and
care of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee—

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty, of
which set, it will be necessary that the Committee should be sea-
sonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to
occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine
too many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made by members of our
Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their
Meeting to be held on Third Day before the first Sabbath day in the
3d and 4th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting
of Friends, Relative to application for admission of members."

our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

The first term applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications as heretofore in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admitting scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance; if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school, punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Applications for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund are to be made to the Principals.

Address of Joseph Burblard,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

We have received a statement of the proceedings of our Friends of London Yearly Meeting in relation to the late unhappy division in Ohio Yearly Meeting; which has been read. Their views and Christian concern so charitably and uniformly set forth were in accordance with ours, and the advice contained therein salutary & acceptable to us.

The following minute addressed to this meeting by our friends in London Yearly Meeting has also been received, viz: —

"Early Meeting, 1853.

The circumstances of our Friends who come from America to this country in the service of the ministry, have again engaged our brother consideration. Whilst feeling the importance of in no wise interfering with the blessed guidance of the Spirit of Truth in their religious movements, this meeting is of the judgment, that advantage would arise from our dear Friends proceeding to London as soon as may be after their arrival in this country, whenever they can conveniently take and take not incompatible with the business of duty; in order that in accordance with the regulations of this Meeting, their certificates might be revisited by the Meeting for Sufferings and might justly be at the same time afforded them, for attending the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and thus early partaking of the sympathy and aid of the members of that meeting. But in offering this suggestion, we desire that our Brethren and Sisters from a distant land, travelling among us in the service of the Gospel, may continue to receive from Friends every where a large measure of kind assistance and Christian sympathy.

(Copy.)

James Bowden."

Under a precious evidence of Divine favour, we adjourn to 10. o'clock to morrow morning.

At the day mentioned Friends assembled, pursuant to adjournment.
An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our late beloved friend, Lydia R. Pitley has been read. The weightiness of her spirit and her humble, unobtrusive walk under the guidance and direction of best wisdom, holds forth encouragement to that humble dedication of which this our dear friend was a bright example, and though dead she yet speaketh the unceasance, "Since we now have followed Christ.

We appoint our Friends Sarah C. Anthony, Hannah Maria Mercy H. King, and Ethoda Howland to prepare essays containing minutes for our Friends who are in attendance upon, but not members of, the Early Meetings & Board of Managers in their sittings.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday — Friends met near the Tabernacle.

Our Friends have furnished us with a minute from the

and in our meetinghouse of place for holding
the yearly meeting. After a general consideration with the Report it was directed to be placed upon our records, and is as follows, viz:

"The Committee to make legal inquiry whether the removal of our Yearly Meeting would invalidate the title to our trust property, presented the following report:-

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed to make careful enquiry whether a change in the place of holding the sessions of our Yearly Meeting would in any way invalidate the title to the Trust Funds now in its possession, have attended to their appointment. They have received the opinion of their council on the question - which they have heretofore laid before the Meeting for Sufferings, and which have been read in that time.

In result of their enquiry, that there are doubts whether the removal contemplated may not injuriously affect the title of the Yearly Meeting to the possession of the Trust Funds now held in that meeting, unless additional legislation is procured from the Government of Rhode Island and perhaps from Massachusetts; and such legislation it is thought it may be difficult, if not impracticable to obtain at the present time.

They would suggest for the consideration of the meeting, whether it may not, under all the circumstances, be reasonable and best for Friends to look towards some arrangement, by which the discipline of business Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be conducted.

In behalf of the Committee,

John Osborne.

John D. Lang.

Newport, 6th. Mo. 16d. 1856."

The proposed change in our discipline in relation to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders has been read, and after a time of solid deliberation we unite with our Friends in adopting it as the discipline of our meetings in this respect.

Broadmead School, much to their satisfaction. Although the circumstances may appear to be self evident, which this institution is more calculated to the youth of our Society, we wish again to impress upon parents the importance of endeavoring to secure for their beloved children the benefits which we believe would result from their more general attendance of this School.

By the statistics herewith presented, it appears that the number of children who are reported as attending Friends' schools have increased since last year.

We would again earnestly recommend to Friends, the importance of the establishment and proper maintenance of First Day Schools under their care. Of members of Monthly meetings still report no First day school within their limits, and although many Friends are in the practice, on First day, of collecting their children in their several families for the purpose of imparting Scriptural instruction, we believe that a wide field is still open for greater exertion in this important concern.

While it may be cause of discouragement to many Friends, to observe the little that has been accomplished since the Yearly Meeting was first concerned to set apart a committee for the promotion of the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth, we would affectionately remind all such of the great importance of individual efforts, and that if all wise minds have been exercised upon this subject, it could not be expected that they would do the little which may devolve upon them, their labors would be abundantly rewarded, not only by the consciousness of success, but of work in the cause of education, but of the completed assurance that their humble endeavors had been indirectly instrumental in the promotion of the cause of truth itself.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

James Dennis, Clerk.

Newport, Oct. 18th. 1856."

which is satisfactory and interesting to us. We appoint our friends Mary Wm Collins, Sarah F. Tolson, Ezra B. Moore, Mary E. Reed, Sarah H. Anthony, Mercy R. King, Sarah H.

Carle, Sarah H. Curtis, Emma L. Davis, Sam'l C. Frost, Anna
Gimbel Lang, Lydia P. May Abigail Bedee, Ruth Sawyer, Elea-
zelle Sturtevant, and Lucia F. Hawkes to propose to our next
Meeting the naming of Friends (consisting of two from each
Monthly Meeting) to constitute a committee on Education
for the ensuing year.

We would acknowledge the favour of
solemnity and quiet, and adjourn to the time when Friends
would meet to-morrow afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon, the 16th. The meeting again adjourned
but near the third hour.

The representatives present except two.

Copy of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of
London, Cullis, New York, Chic, North Carolina, Indiana
and Baltimore, presented by the Committee on Correspondence,
being read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them
on our Friday and forward them to those meetings respectively.

We are informed that our dear Friend Susan
Howland has been liberated to perform a religious visit within
the limits of the yearly Meeting of Linden and Island,
and if way should open for it, at some place on the contin-
ent of Europe, and to a visit our Friends Mary C. Reed,
Betsey P. Wood, Mary H. Wing and Hannah H. Gates to unite
with a similar committee of the most zealous individuals
we care and attention in the case when may appear necessary.

The Committee to bring forward the names of Friends
to constitute a committee on education have presented the
following which being agreed, they are appointed to unite
with a committee of men Friends and are encouraged to attend
the service of promulgating the desired education in our
and are requested to report to this meeting next year, i.e.

Elizabeth S. Chace, Mary Rodman, Sarah Glade, Maria
McClinton, Philo Remond, Mary Ann Weston, Electa Jane
Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove,
Anna D. Bruce, Anna A. Chase, Mary A. Bell, Cynthia H.
Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phibe Kelly,
Charlotte Dickinson Wilson Shepard, Maria Brown, Anna
P. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phoebe Stark

Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna L. Wood, Diana G.
Kempster, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary A. Hartman
Julia Wheeler, Sarah C. Day, Lucy Collins, Cincinnati Made
Natalie Ryan, Anna L. Beck, Esther Jones, Maria Price, Jane
Price, Nancy Tracy, Anna McMillan, Lydia P. Price, Rachel
B. Nichols, Harriet Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Hannah Taylor,
Elizabeth C. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Nancy Estes, Cynthia
McNamee, Hannah Morris, Sarah Long, Margaret C. Beede,
Cynthia P. Lewis, Elizabeth A. Young, Anna, Phoebe Taylor, Sarah
Monroe, Anna Hendon and Sarah Maria Stewart.

Determined moreover to our dear Friends who are with us
from other meetings have been read, approved & signed

Extracts from the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting
prevailing and the Clerk is directed to send forward
them with Transcripts of Christ's record from the several
Yearly Meetings to our respective Quarterly Meetings.

Under an humble sense of the mercies and favors
conferred upon us, in this our annual assembly, in having been
permitted, from time to setting by, to witness an evidence of
sovereign regard - condescension at seasons from His sanctuary
and Zion's boughs, favored to bear out the weighty affairs of
the church in great unanimity and love - we reverently
commend one another unto God; and the word of His grace,
unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us
faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding glory -
to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and forever. We affectionately
bid one another farewell; proposing to meet again at this
place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clark.

Summary of Friends.

- 1st - Friends' meetings for social intercourse are held twice monthly, & play, & visit their acquaintance that on account of sickness and severity of weather,) and generally attended by most of our members - tho there appears to be a want of engagement with some, in the discharge of this important duty, especially in the attendance of those held in the middle of the week, on which account some care has been extended. The Friends' meetings observed mostly a course of silence and other unbecoming behavior.
- 2nd - Love and neighbor are maintained to most friends and those are concerned to guard against detraction, while some are not so careful in these respects as the truth requires, on which account labor has been bestowed. Where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.
- 3rd - We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up their under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the evilest conversation of the world; and to be good examples herein themselves. yet deficiencies are apparent amongst us in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.
- 4th - I can but to observe the several parts of this query, except in some instances of attending places of public amusement, on which account some care has been taken.
- 5th - The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning - the instance of receiving from among Friends.
- 6th - Friends and Friends' families with the young unmarried are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be consonant to discipline. Some difficulties have occurred in these respects before case has been taken.
- 7th - Friends appear to be most anxious to maintain uniformity in regard to the doctrine taught the world.
- 8th - Friends are generally careful in regard to the several parts of this query.
- 9th - Mostly clear as to records - Some deficiencies in regard to certificates, on which account care has been extended.

10th our General Union to deal with offenders in good manner according to the rules and forms established; and when it has appeared necessary, judgment has been passed accordingly to discipline.

Extracts.

Through the renewed extension of our Heavenly Father's love, we feel bound to acknowledge that goodness and mercy are still near to overshadow and own us in this our annual assembly under the commanding influence of which, we have been enabled to transact the weighty affairs of the Church in harmony and love. — And although trouble and darkness have been with man, and in the world are covering your spirits, yet in the light of His gracious countenance, we have in good measure experienced, that He in His love condescended to be unto us riches in poverty, strength in weakness and a present helper in the needful time.

The state of our Society as presented to our view in the annual meeting calculated to humble us in deep self-abasement under a sense of our ungodliness and shortcoming in the right maintenance of our Christian testimonies. Their testimonies are so salutary and praiseworthy in their nature, that we recently believe they will make way for the adorning of the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Not that there should be an undue dependence on the form of godliness, but when accompanied by the power, how is even the plain made attractive and lovely! While we fully believe, dear sisters, that "the letter killeth," in the abstract, yet under our high and holy profession may we not lose sight of the impressive "spirit," when adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold, or of putting on apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. And in the simplicity and sweetness of the ever blessed truth, that quiet life, and liberty under the restraint of law, may be the joyful reward of Zion, and

which God sheweth.

The attendance of all our religious meetings claimed our entire and joint consideration; following now with great interest and anxiety the movements of the reformatory process in Mexico, where I found no sentiment more prevalent than that of the total non-resistance of the people, and that before the law.

Faithfulness in my judgment still would direct in the transaction, and the spirit of destruction would be alive, but no such in our hearts; the bitter fruits which are inconsistent with the peaceable spirit of the gospel of our Redeemer.

We have had the company of dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors of gospel love have been strengthening and animating both to the aged and the young, giving evidence of the power of divine grace in the sufferings, and leading us to the inextinguishable source and fountain of light and cure, that in humble child-like dependence upon Jesus Christ may come from Him who is "the way, the truth and the life".

We have been tenderly and impressively exhorted to keep in view the nature and origin of our Christian discipline and to be concerned in the love of Christ to exercise the restraining, however maternal love; that by watching and waiting in the Spirit of prayer, we may be found more faithful as mothers, overseers and elders in the church of Christ; and in the meekness of that wisdom which is from above and which is "first pure, then peaceful, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works"; Christian charity may more abound amongst us, and we be found living more to the honor and glory of God, while in the enjoyment of our innumerable blessings.

Parents have been encouraged daily to assemble their families for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures; and we believe that as this duty is faithfully attended to, and a solemn pause observed after the reading, a portion of the sacred volume, the tender minds of the infant world often be touched and melted under the influence of heavenly love, and the solemn impressions made on these occasions would be blessed to them.

The proceedings of our beloved Friends of London Yearly Meeting relative to the sorrowful division in Ohio Yearly Meeting, have been interesting and instructive, involving the best interests of our

Religious Society; and encourage us to exert influence, that the
enemy may not prevail by his subtle traps to multiply and increase
us. Let us ever bow to God that will provide, and love one
another.

An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our
late beloved friend, Lydia R. Fielday has been read. The recitation
of her life, and her humble usefulness both under the竿
of Christ to a town, yields forth encouragement to that humble dedica-
tion of kindly service. Dear friend was a bright example, and tho-
ugh she yet speaketh the language, tell me as thou followed
Christ.

The London printed epistle has been received and read, an-
d we rejoice that the sound gospel truth is vigorously maintained through this mes-
sage. We have a lasting impression upon our minds. We would
commend it to the careful perusal of our beloved friends.

The report of our Boarding School Committee and that of the
Committee on Education, have also been read, affording an evidence
that the religiously educated education of the youth of our Society,
continues to be a subject of deep interest and solicitude. Much
tender counsel and admonition have been extended to this class
whose quiet solid countenances have not only endeared them to
their older pastor, but has encouraged the belief that some of them
are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the Church Militant. May these be encouraged by renewed dedication and
impartial obedience to the voice of the true Shepherd to share by the
sweet influence of example, unto others who may not have yielded
themselves so fully to the transforming power of divine grace.

These things have been cheering to those in advanced life,
giving evidence that the Great Head of the Church is near to the
world, i.e. His work of truth and righteousness is to be loved above

Under an humbling sense of the mercies and favors conferred upon
us, in this our annual assembly, in having been permitted, com-
munity sitting, to experience an evidence of heavenly regard - even the
privileges of communion from His sanctuary, and having been given
to transact the weighty affairs of the Church in great unanimity
and love - we reverently commend one another unto God, and the
hand of His grace, unto him who is able to keep us from falling
and to reward us faithfully before the presence of His glory with

to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty,
honour and power, both now and forever.

We affectionately bid you adieu. Farewell, we hope to meet
again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.
Yours in love & affection to the meetings,

Susan Howland, Clerk.

To London Meeting "Women's" friends.

Dear Sisters,

The reading of your acceptable epistle has given us
a fresh sense at this time the value of this correspondence and
we wish that precious indeed is that Christian fellowship
which unites as one family all the living members of the Church
I trust that fellowship which however wide it is we are yet bounded
to the outward, but as near in spirit unto God.

We have gratefully acknowledged at this time, that we have
witnessed a measure of that Heavenly covering under which we
have and safety—real harmony and unity of feeling, have been
aided— and while we are permitted at this season to rejoice
together, we feel our great weakness and unworthiness, and can
with humility adopt the language, "Not unto us, O! Lord, not unto
us but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and thy truth's
sake."

Mothers have been tenderly exhorted to give great diligence to
the training of their children—the precious lambs God hath given
them. To such others than the world is unable to bring them
Jesus; who when personally on earth took little children in his
arms and blessed them. He remaineth to be the same gracious
help and comforter. His hand is full of blessing and he will
with wisdom and goodness, strengthen and qualify all those who
are come with care unto him to his aid and direction to do his glory well.

Many of our beloved young friends are in attendance of this meeting,
in various deportment and the interest they have manifested in the
work of the ministry gives the assurance that they are under the
guiding hand for usefulness. These have been earnestly entreated
now in the morning of their days, to give up their hearts wholly to serve
the Lord—leaving the vanities and the attractions of this world.

which are so calculated to draw us from the service of God, and
turn us off, increase unto them to make them to the heart,
that they may find rest to their souls.

We rejoice with you, that the wicked and cruel war which
has been desolating the Western Continent for some time, must, it
is brought to a close, and we earnestly desire that the Lord would
this may be granted to his children the Rulers of nations, so to
imbue with the Spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of peace
and love, the hearts of those who authorily both direct you and us,
that they may be led clearly to see, and deeply to feel, the exceeding
sinfulness of War, and its utter inconsistency with that spirit
of love, which breathes peace on earth and good will to men.

We have indeed ever desired cause to mourn the existence
of slavery, which rests as a blight upon our beloved country
and to deplore that efforts so strong, and so persevering, are being
made to extend this great evil.

The first birth mark of the blood of all nations of men, to abide
on all the face of the earth, with Him there is no distinction of color
and it is our earnest prayer that He who alone is able, with his
infinite power and mercy, be pleased to arise for the relief of the
suffering and distressed; break every bond, and let the oppressed
go free.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland, Clerk.

No Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends

We have received your acceptable epistle of 11 Mo.
1826. and it fills us deeply with concern. This is, our hearts
are raised in thanksgiving unto the Lord for the removed distress
O give you grace to us, and to the continuance of unit and
friendly epistolary intercourse with distant members of that univer-
sal Church of which Christ Jesus our risen and glorified Saviour
is the blessed Head. That we may individually become true
Christian vessels of the love and holiness of our Saviour, and
as a moment from him this is the root and offspring of that evil
and mortal works. May also the same spirit, fullness of many

and his soul has been renewed and quickened at this time under the precious influence of heavenly love with which he was endowed, with seasons of solemn quiet and silent wait in the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit on our minds instrumentally by the lively ministry of dear friends and saintly ones, who are acceptably with us— May those who stand in this important station be so engaged to wait on our master that it may be exercised in the life and power, in reverent dependence on Him who hath the Key of David—who openeth and no man can shut, and who shall open and none can shut. While for those who hear, we crave a portion of that same spirit which will move them to receive the word spoken not in a didactic disquisition nor in that which would tend to the exaltation of the poor unprofitable instrument—but in the love and willing the portion designed for us by the goodness of Him who we believe still condescends to assist and qualify His service those who are engaged to follow His voice and submit to those baptisms of fire and of the Holy Ghost which can alone purify and prepare for this weighty engagement.

The concern expressed in your Epistle for the encouragement of youth in the faithful discharge of their avocations and studies has been feelingly responded to—also your desires for the preservation of the dear youth from the many snare spread in this world, and tender concern has been extended to these, and earnest prayers have arisen in them that the Lord would manhood them from Satan and furnish them with immortality to the throne of His presence with exceeding joy.

As the state of Society among us has been received in answering this inquiry, we have been made sensible of our many weaknesses and infirmities, but we believe a living concern does yet exist among us to maintain our Christian principles and testimonies upon original grounds.

And while we are sensible of our low estate and realize the manifold sorrows of lukewarmness and the broads of a worldly world—we are yet reminded that there is one who is able as ever He was to cause us to arise and shake ourselves from the dust of the earth—to give power to the faint and to them that have no might increase strength—only let there be a willingness on our part

to lay hold of the offered mercy, and by an unreserved surrender of ourselves, body soul and spirit to his service - experience the fulfilment of the declaration - that a little one shall choose us and we put ten thousand to flight.

We have been brought deeply to feel at this time that our Christian testimony against Slavery is one which should be kept in view and faithfully upheld - And as by events which have recently occurred in mounting this feeling of interest appears likely to deepen into one of strong excitement, we feel that now as a nation and as a religious Society, we need the sympathy and prayers of all who love the Truth - that we may be enabled on the one hand to embrace every right opening for labor in the righteous cause of the freedom of the oppressed, and on the other, that all our efforts in this cause may be based on Christian love and performed in a Christian spirit and with a sound mind - That while our indignation may be justly aroused in view of the abominable crimes committed under the workings of the unholy system of Slavery, we may remember the peaceable spirit of Him who while nailed to the cross prayed for His murderers, and has strongly enjoined upon His followers the forgiveness of all injuries.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Respectfully dedicated to our beloved friends

Susan Howland, Clerk

To New York Monthly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Your lively Epistle has been received and was truly acceptable to us, and called forth an acknowledgement that it is indeed a favor thus to commune with our absent friends, and we have been afresh made sensible of our Heavenly Father's goodness which reaches to all his children however remotely situated they may be as to their outward habitations:-

Our minds have been turned in humble gratitude to Him who caused us to be a people, and from one generation to another blessed us as a religious Society, and who has in mercy been still to preside amongst us at seasons to the present time, and we desire that we may individually enquire how far we are

to him, and that I sin not in Jesus Christ, the rock of ages, the
same yesterday, to day and forever.

We have at this time a number of dear friends from
the early meetings, whose presence and exercises have been
strengthening and encouraging to us in our low estate; and
their love in labor and fidelity connect us with them from an
abiding effect on us go forth in the family of Zion to comfort
the aged, minister to those in the meridian of life; and by its per-
suasive effect on those in the morning of their day, induce them
to choose the Lord for their portion, and the God of Truth
for the lot of their inheritance.

8 Regard then dear young Friends the counsel of
your dear sisters who would rejoice to see you walking in the
truth the path which leads to holiness and happiness.
With the number abundantly increase, of such as pursue
this joyful course, in these the refreshing showers of divine
love will be frequently renewed, as the dew of Hermon, and as
the dew that descends on the mountains of Zion, where the
Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

Concerning into the state of Society, by the unanimous
quiesce, we are encouraged in the belief that there is a prevalence
of concern to labor for the removal of hurtful things. Wherefore
dear Friends let us renew the exhortation - Be earnest, whatsoever
we do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men; - knowing
that if we do well we shall receive the reward; for ye serve the Lord
Jesus Christ.

The evils of Slavery and the baneful effects of that System
which causes man to hold his fellow man in bondage continues
to claim our serious and prayerful consideration, and fervent
are our desires that we may be found doing faithfully what our
Master bid us to do, to bear an unblushing testimony against
our vigorous fellow beings; and we desire that in all our move-
ments in the cause of the oppressed we may be governed by that
principle which is profitable to direct leaving the result with
him, who will settle with us in His own good time, for whom Christ
will be the judge, and let the oppressed go free.

With a salutation of love, we remain your affectionate Sisters.
Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland. Clerk.

Baltimore F cargo "Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

"It is under a sense of the goodness of our
Heavenly Father, whose mercies have been abundant and un-
der towards us at this time, that we feel to address you.
Poor, destitute and naked as we are, without the clothing
of the Holy Spirit; we can gratefully acknowledge that the
Master of assemblies has in His wisdom condescended to be
with us and to administer to our necessities — and the
language of our hearts has been; "What shall we render unto the
Lord for all His benefits?" and we sincerely desire to renew our
covenants with Him, who is a covenant keeping God.

In reading your acceptable communication of the month
last, we were both deeply sympathized with you, in the loss
you have sustained, by the removal of her whose departure it
leaves. And our hearts are raised in renewed thankfulness
to our Heavenly Father, who, in his inscrutable wisdom conde-
scends, by the powerful operations of His Holy Spirit to pro-
vide and sanctify those, whom he early calls from work towards,
glorification into that City whose walls are salvation and
whose gates are praise.

The State of Society, through the answers to the Queries
from our subordinate meetings being joined before us, much
wholesome counsel and solitary advice two years forth to
the tendering of many hearts. The voice of warning was affec-
tionately addressed to such as continue to resist the Holy
Spirit, or reluctantly come under its regulating influence —
and all have been earnestly instructed again and again,
to come to the Savior, and trust in Him who never said to
the wrestling seed of Jacob; Seek ye me in vain. The dear
young people have been particularly exhorted to lay down their
crosses at the feet of Jesus, and with the whole heart, to seek
for an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, and that
which doth not fade. O my all, both with you and with us, con-
sider most seriously the importance of being in earnest, while
time and opportunity are afforded, to lay up treasure in Heaven;
where, neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do
not break through nor steal. Moreover dear sisters, may we be

invariably concerned to keep the mental eye singly directed to him who thus claims himself to be the Light of the world—that of his illuminating influence upon our spirits, we may clearly discover the intentions of the finger of truth to dwell in us.

In this time of commotion both in Church and State, we are made sensible of the great danger of pleading excuses for sinning in the Lord's work, while the harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers few. And may we all, by a greater dedication of heart, and a closer walk with God, be enabled through the merits of the dear Redeemer, often to approach the Throne of Grace, and while permitted to supplicate for ourselves, may we not be ever mindful of His children everywhere, whether in sickness, in prison, or in bonds.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by resolution and in behalf of the meeting,
Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We trust it is in a measure of that love which unites us in the Father of all our sure mercies, that we are again caused to address you;—and in acknowledging the reception of your weighty epistle of 4th month last the language of affectionate sympathy and encouragement has arisen in our hearts in your account, believing that as we are concerned with a similar age to that to whom, "Power is given over every other power, not in the multitude of fear to dwell low before him, but in the multitude of grace to know the promise received," "In this trust in the Lord, & shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever—as the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even forevermore."

And, dear sisters, we much desire that both with you and with us a living engagement may be increasingly realized, to know our day's work to be going on with the day, and that by submitting to the operation of divine grace in our hearts, through a faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, we may

"We hold upon the hope set before us, which we have now committed
to the soul both sure and steadfast." And although we may
often know seasons of deep and close pressing, both from within
and from without, there is no cause for discouragement to the
humble and true believer in Him who hath declared, "Lo, I am
with you always, even unto the end of the world." May there be a
renewed concern among us all, to cease from the activity of our
own imaginations, and in the abasedness of self, to seek to know
that life which is hid with Christ in God and to be all to adopt
the language, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live,
yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now
live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me
and gave himself for me."

Our Annual Assembly has been largely attended at this
time, and we sincerely trust the over shadowing power of
Divine goodness has mainly, if not to be sure, but the hum-
bling and contriting of our hearts, and we have been favored
in much harmony to transact the concerns which have come
before us.

A lively interest has been felt and expressed on account of
our dear young friends, many of whom have gathered with us,
and they have been affectionately exhorted to dedicate them-
selves now in the morning of their day, to the service of Him
who will prove an unfaileing friend in their path through
life, and a sure support in every needful time.

We have had the acceptable company of many dear friends
from other Yearly Meetings whose exemplary dedication and
labors of love, have been truly strengthening and encouraging.

We enter with feelings of much interest the account
in regard to your establishment for improving the condition of
the Shawnee Indians, and sincerely hope continued efforts
may be made on behalf of this class of our fellow creatures.

With the salutation of love and sympathy we remain your
friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Susan Howland, Clerk.

Second Letter.

We trust it is in the fellowship of the Gospel which is the work of righteousness and reward with the victory, that we thought fit to address you, and though in much weakness and assurance that "unto us belongeth nothing but affliction and sorrow," yet in a united sense that in truth indeed there is strength, we affectionately entreat you with the salutation, "live
such is the badge of true discipleship, uniting unto ourselves
and that binds us together notwithstanding the militant Church
which Christ Jesus is head - And may we dear Sisters, look
to Him as our guide, counsellor and friend in the varied offices
of the Church that we may be preserved from leaning to our own
understanding, by which we are often involved in misgivings
which leads from humble dependance on the Head of the Church
in which alone, there is safety. —

We have greatly to commemo rate the goodness of Israel's
Almighty in introducing our minds at this time into a recent
and humble waiting before Him, in which He has been pleased
also to anoint and qualify some of his dependent children
to minister in that ability which He is pleased to furnish for
the encouragement of those who are ready to give out by the way
of sound & scriptural judgements.

Our annual gathering has been large, and we recently
believe has been magnified by our merciful High
Priest, permitting us at times to feel the sting of ancient goodness
to be spread over our assembly, afresh contributing to a more
humble dependance on Him, the ancient of days.

Our beloved youth have been tenderly admonished and kindly
advised, now in the morning of their day, to choose the Lord for
their portion, and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance.
May this interesting portion of our beloved Society, both with you
and with us, become increasingly concerned to yield to the restraining
influence of the spirit of Christ made manifest in their hearts
that they may become as pillars and upright standards throughout
the church.

The state of Society as brought to view by the answers to the
various, has elicited from concerned friends much salutary counsel

and while we lament the many deficiencies still existing among us we humbly hope our wholesome discipline will continue to be a ^{wise} guide and us to preserve from the snares and temptations to which we are exposed.

We feelingly sympathize with you beloved Sisters in your concern for the amelioration of the degraded and down trodden people of color; and secretly hope the day is not far distant when their bonds may be loosed; and they with us permitted to enjoy the blessing of freedom, giving thanks unto the Lord in the voice of sweet melody for their delivery from bondage and subjection.

We have the company of several beloved Friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose joyful voices have been strengthening and edifying - May their labors of love be treasured in our minds, and often recurred to when we return to our respective homes as words of encouragement that will often be ministered in our remembrance, to speed us on our way to the new Jerusalem.

Your acceptable Epistle of 11th, mo. last has been received, and we would acknowledge that this our epistolary correspondence brings us near in spirit when far separated by sea and land.

With the salutation above, we remain dear Friends,
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Sarah Cleveland, Unite.

To Indians & Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Car. 1815.

This our Annual Assembly has been a season of Divine favor under a sense that in us there dwelleth no good thing; but in the spirit of awaiting prayer our hearts have been raised unto Him who has condescended to verify his gracious promise and ever fulfilling His word I send to them that ask him.

May we dear Sisters, know our faith increased in that simple humble dependance as little children that recommends to His favor and protection, and will lead these to understand of His discipline; the discipline of the cross; and strengthen them from present sorrow to rest under the banners of trust and hope. Men of the counsels, the mighty God, the everlasting Father; and the

you have to mind. This is a subject of much interest in our country,
and of disengagement - The light of the body is the eye, and if the
eye be dim the body will be dark. We must therefore
be numbered in the Army of the Lord in the cause of Christ. We must be
engaged in the Holy warfare - against the spirit of the world, the
spirit of the human heart and the enemy, and we do so
as we are desired to have us that he may sift us as wheat - But
in the trial of our faith more precious than gold tried in the furnace,
deep affliction, may we in humble confidence and filial
trust resign ourselves to His work and service, who is Alpha and
Omega, the beginning and end.

Your acceptable ^{spirit} renewed in our hearts a feeling of gratitude
for "the tokens of all our sure mercies that you had been spared
unto these manifestations of that Spirit which has been suffered
to abide with us, sorrowfully dividing in Jacob and scattering in
Isaac." May this token, such will surely be in innocent & un-
conscious watchfulness, that the girdle of your minds may be
tightness and truth - Then will the enemy flee away, and
we shall be strengthened at seasons of testing of mercy and of judgment.
We wish you a happy & successful visitation
to you, who only can give strength unto His people.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of several
young friends from yours and other Yearly Meetings, whose labors
have been salutary and strengthening to our minds, and
whose affectionate solicitude with Christian admonition has been
a comfort to our dear young friends, whose solid deportment convinces
our interest in the welfare of our beloved Society, and may the
same cordial sympathy this winter succeed with them & their number
multiplied with the renewed blessed evidence that as one is our
Master, even Christ; and in proportion as these resign themselves
to him, he will know and own each other in the fellowship
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We would encourage you dear Sisters to continue your care
for Indian babies, fully believing as we do that they are under
the care and keeping of the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel, who
has raised up, and put into the hearts of some among you to make
sacrifices for their comfort, improvement and the education of
our children, which we can but reverently crave, may be bestowed
upon and to them in days that are to come.

The wise counse and the long-felt effects of that instrument will allow me to rest his "eternal man in bondage, continues to exhort our Friends and, under his Consideration and Direction we do desire that he may be considered as fit to make his own Friends, and to do, in order to bear an emphaticonic testimony against instrumentalities. Fellow men, and we desire that in our movements on the cause of the oppressed we may be governed by that wisdom which is profitable to direct, having the result with Him who we trust will in His own due time proclaim liberty to the captive, and let the oppressed go free.

With satisfaction of my soul, we are your affectionate friends,

Abraham Lincoln and in behalf of the Friends.

Simon Hentz, Clerk.

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held at Providence, Rhode Island, by adjournment, on Saturday,
the 21st November 1856, at 10 a.m. in the year 1857.

By the usual course of procedure it appears
that the following friends have been appointed to preside over the
Meeting, viz: -

From New Haven - Elizabeth Menden, Hannah C. Hutchinson, Sarah
Maudie, Elizabeth Peckham, Goddard Worcester, Mary A. Smith,
Anna Howard, Sarah F. Tobey and Cynthia Davis.

From New Haven - Lois Keene, Ruth S. Hobart, Elizabeth Dodge, Lydia Pope,
Mary E. Reed, Deborah W. Rogers, Cynthia H. Huntington, and
Julia A. Tolman.

From New Haven - Rachel A. Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Ruth Davis,
Sarah Tucker, Lucy K. Wong, Barbara Gifford and Linnah
A. Taber.

From Falmouth - Jane C. Minto, Jane Pope, Thankful Hawkes, Alice
Cobb and Lydia H. Jones.

From Providence - Thisby Andrews, Elizabeth C. Osborn, Mary R. Wren,
Catharine Constock and Mary R. Hadwen.

From Uxbridge - Rachel D. Nichols, Lydia P. Fay, Maria S. Nichols,
Jane Eliza Lang and Hannah D. Jenkins.

From Uxbridge - Sarah B. Roberts, Lucy P. Crane Ruth Hawley, Alice
girl M. Hanson and Hannah Menden.

From Uxbridge - Maria Dodge, Rose P. Jones, Hannah Pope Sarah
D. Sampson, Lucy W. Vining and Cynthia F. Jones.

Whose names being called they were all present except four, for whom
satisfactory reasons were given.

By the reports received at this time from the Quarterly Meetings, it ap-
pears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey and Mary A. Smith
to the station of Elders - that Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with
New Haven Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Olivia C. Oliver and
Elizabeth B. Babcock to the station of Elders - and that Smithfield Quarterly
Meeting has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in appointing the
gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Lydia W. Cox, and in
the appointment of Thisby Andrews to the station of an Elder, and with
Welleson Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth W. Babcock.

to the same station - that Mrs. Dorothy McElroy has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Laverne to the station of an Elder, and with Newick Monthly Meeting in appointing Cynthia Buffum and with Dover Monthly Meeting in appointing - were chosen and Daniel Meader to the same station - that Fairfield Monthly Meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of L. H. Lang Coffin, Mary F. Doubtbank and Sarah Brewster to the station of Elders - and that Newallard Monthly Meeting has united with Weymouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Fanny Cole and Sarah A. Jenkins, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peace Moulton and Hannah L. Taber to the station of Elders.

Interesting and acceptable epistles from our beloved sisters of London, Dublin, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been received and read, bringing our dear friends near to us at this time, as we trust, in the love of Christ; and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, to prepare essays of reply to their epistles, to present to a future meeting, viz: Rhoda Howland, Sarah H. Anthony, Mary E. Reed, Rebecca C. Hinsman, Hannah T. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Rachel S. Howland, Hannah G. Sawyer, Mary B. Farnum, Abby Holway, Avis Keene, Fanny Pinkham, Sarah F. Tobey, Rachel B. Nichols, Ann Elmira Lang, Ermine W. Boyce, Mary Hackpole, Ruth B. Gifford, Cynthia Bowen, Lucy J. Hawkes, Hannah T. Jenkins, Huldah M. Bedee, Beulah W. Rogers and Abby Holmes.

We appoint our friends Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth A. Osborn, Lydia D. Parker, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Rockham, Lydia R. May, Ruth Sawyer and Ruth D. Stige to prepare a summary from the answers to present to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this meeting and confer upon the subject of Clerks, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this afternoon

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader on behalf of the Representatives reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for assistant Clerk, which being united with by

Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Hearing at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Priscilla Green from New Britain, satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting held at Turnersville, in County of Essex, England the 27th of 3d mo. 1856, the Quarterly Meeting of Essex held 4th mo. 8th 1856 and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 19th, 20th & 21st of 5th month 1856 we record, expressive of the unity of those engaged with her as a gospel Minister, and her present religious engagement in our land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Wickerson who is engaged with our friend Priscilla Greene in religious service amongst us who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Preswick held the 17th of 6th mo. 1856, the Quarterly Meeting of Cumbria and Northumberland held at Wigton the 28th of 6th month 1856, and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 11th of 8th month 1856, all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Wood and Jonah Hale from Union Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Elwood Orbin from Elk Monthly Meeting, Ohio, William H. Chase from Taft's Monthly Meeting, New York, Anna Thornberg from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, and Deborah C. Hinsdale from New York Monthly Meeting, who have presented certificates from their respective Meetings, which we record, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends William Cromwell who accompanies our friends Priscilla Greene and Mary Wickerson - Elizabeth Wood accompanying her husband Daniel Wood - Sarah Hale who accompanies her husband Jonah Hale - Davis Peag companion to Elwood Orbin - Voliman Macy and Delana Bond companion to Anna Thornberg - and Maria Willets, companion to Deborah C. Hinsdale, and have received and read satisfactory testimonials on their behalf from their several Meetings.

We have in attendance at this time, several other dear friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to us.

The Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read
We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet tomorrow.

Third day's entries remain to Wilkinson.

The Yearly General Meeting of 1856 has been read, and we desire that the same be carried in writing, and the invitation to all to go into the quieting times of this life, and to place our hopes and our affections upon the enduring realities of the life to come, may find a place in every heart.

The Business with Answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, with a Summary prepared by them, have been read. On viewing the State of Society as thus presented, Mr. Strong has been introduced into a living concern or account of difficulties, which, are to some extent unknown amongst us. The neglect of some of our members in regard to the attendance at our religious meetings has called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have been earnestly encouraged to greater faithfulness in the performance of this important duty. Faithful and touching appeals have been made to our dear young Sisters, not to neglect the assembling of themselves together before the Lord, seeking at these seasons for strength and purity to retire in spirit from the world, and to turn their thoughts unto Him, desiring to be instructed of Him, that they may experience his refreshing news to descend upon their hearts, and be made to realise that it is indeed sweet to sit under the shadow of his holy wing.

In the Answers from some of our Meetings there appears to be a deficiency in regard to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and very earnest have been the exhortations of concerned friends, that both as families and individuals we may be engaged daily to read and reverently to ponder upon this inestimable volume, which is able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment?

Indulging Remonstrance from Berwick Monthly Meeting approved by Lower Quarterly Meeting concerning our late dear friends Joseph Brackett and Salome Brackett have been acceptably read.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting; and the friends now under appointment are continued for another year to reside with a similar Committee of the Men's Society in the care and superintendence of the school, and are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

The report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee of the Superintendence of the Boarding School at

Providence have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. In the summer term forty-nine males and sixty-three females and for the winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all them for the full term.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland as principals mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the School have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members deputed to visit the institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the School has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Lowell, William D. Macomber, Pamela C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Cheekel, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Dodge in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renault teacher of French and German; Marianne Charlton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the School house as usual - the scholars at other times attending Friends' meetings in Providence. Almost if the meetings held at the institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by several of the school Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the institution have been examined and the result may be stated as follows:

Charitable Fund.

16. Amounts received from Society of Friends,	\$ 126,28
17. " " " "	<u>448,75</u>
	\$ 575.00
18. Total amount received and lecture or lecture Scholarship, one hundred each,	\$ 480.
19. Total amount at this time,	<u>95.</u>
	\$ 575.

General Fund.

16. Receipts from income of School Fund,	\$ 6,036, 06
17. " " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	<u>66.74</u>
	\$ 6,702, 80

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the
Principal)

Fire Insurance,	\$ 165.
Repairs of School Premises,	1084.63
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	<u>3000.</u>
	\$ 4,249.63

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an

excess of, \$ 2453.17

Of which excess \$ 682.08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and
the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and
principal of the debts of the Institution -

Leaving the present debt, left the balance in the
Treasurer's hands, \$ 3,817.92

This debt as reported last year was, \$ 5,922.22

It will be seen therefore that the Principal of the debt has
been lessened the past year, \$ 2,104.30.

This result encourages the expectation that the School may be maintained
usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose that the Summer term should commence as at present
on the 1st day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month and continue twenty
weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on
the 1st day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue
twenty weeks; and that there should be no interruption of these terms by
any week during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition
per week as last year will be \$ 40.00 per week for members over Twenty
years and \$ 60.00 per week for other pupils residing, and another one

which persons are members of our religious society, & the visitors are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any other who may be admitted. That a \$500. for ten additional charge on time to become, in addition thereto, to the Annual Expenditure, in Stamps, & in Drawing Books and Stationery being furnished, as heretofore, at actual cost.

We urge again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and terms of the admission of Societies, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the term of payment and punctuality in utterance at the commencement of the term of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

The conclusions we may express, are, that the Constitution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment. Providence, Sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

We appoint Mary E. Reed, Mary C. Smith, Sarah H. Anthony and Ruth Chase, to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends who are not in attendance of this meeting, with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them to a future sitting.

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the Minutes of this meeting to present to a future sitting to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day met near the 10th hour.

A Testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting concerning our late aged friend Elies Newhall, has been read. The memory of this beloved friend, of his dedicated life, and of his joyful walk with God, is precious to us; and we have been reminded that the faith of the Christian produces the same fruits in life, and the same glorious hope in death, in all ages of the world, and the young ones have fittingly sought home to us as we live in this faith - even the faith of Christ, which bringeth salvation.

Epistles of Thistles to our sisters of London, North Carolina and Princeton Yearly Meetings have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to those Meetings.

We adjourn to four o'clock this afternoon.

There is an effort to connect us with our friends.

This is the right. All that we ought to do for our friends is to be a friend to them, now and always and.

Friends & Friends to Boston, Andover, New York and Erie, have been
in touch with us. Each week is invited to sign them up on behalf
of Boston Monthly Meeting exclusively.

The following minute will be by your friends now our friends with
one addition to this meeting, viz:

"This Yearly Meeting has been con-
cerned to encourage Friends every where within our limits to continue to
cultivate love and Christian charity towards those who have separated
from us, that if it be the will of the great Head of the Church, that
any of these should return to us, the door may be kept open for them
to do so, in the good order of our religious Society. We are comforted in
believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished among us,
and we trust, that where any of the class alluded to are drawn to return
the manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strengthening
to them."

The Committee on Education presented a report which was interesting
and satisfactory, and the same Friends are continued under appointment
for a similar service for the ensuing year. The care extended to the child-
ren of our Society as set forth in this report is encouraging to us. The
report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report:

That as in former years, circulars have been addressed to correspondents
in each Monthly Meeting, calling for statistical information, and from
the answers received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of Children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of

4 and 16 years, 1019

" between 16 and 21 years, 450

of Monthly Meeting Schools, 2

" " Preparative Meeting Schools, 1

Family Schools, 41

Children attending Friends Schools, exclusively
as such, 161 (estimated)

Children attending mixed schools 1136

" These Schools taught by Friends, 54

Number of Children taught by Friends in mixed schools.

Reported at each

75

Members of Society within our limits who have been engaged in teaching,	102
Children that have attended the Yearly Meeting Boarding School	99
First Day School taught under the care of Friends	25
Average continuance of these schools, about 10 months.	
No. of Children attending the same,	579
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Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year which have afforded an opportunity for a full interchange of views upon the subject referred to us, and we believe that the interest felt by Friends in the cause in which we have been engaged continues unabated, and the Committee are encouraged in the persuasion from actual observation within our limits that the guarded education of our youth is an interesting object of concern to a large, and we trust, an increasing number of Friends.

Soon after the organization of the Committee, in view of the intimate connection which our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has with the important inland conference lines, and to insure the attendance of some of our number at the semi-annual examinations of that institution, a few Friends were appointed to that service who have at this time made an interesting report. They were particularly interested in learning from this report that there is an increase in the number of those who are desirous of extending their stay at the school, and of thus availing themselves of a more liberal course of study than is otherwise attainable; and we believe that the cause adopted by the School Committee (as published in the annual catalogue) and which has been espoused by a number of pupils, will command itself general favor: while it may be fairly presumed that the standard required for obtaining the diploma of the institution will be gradually and perhaps considerably elevated.

We hope to observe a considerable decrease in the number of our members in boarding select schools, while we are at the same time gratified to learn that upwards of one hundred of our members have, during the past year, been engaged in teaching within our limits.

Gladly would we be able to report an increased number of select schools.

... a general and extended rule of all their auxiliaries, both at
home & ^{abroad} & especially, as regards the education and purity of
our Society, but especially as furnishing an evidence of that care & home
culture which we have always demanded. Friends consider it a
proper & well maintained. To us others it will naturally be found that the
more care is given to Scriptural and religious instruction at home, the more
will Friends value both the Select and the First Day School. On the sub-
ject of family instruction, which has often claimed our consideration, we
would remark that from an early day Friends have regarded it as an im-
portant part of that religious and guardian education which they so carefully
inculcated. The enlarged mind of George Fox was early engaged in
the cause of education and in the establishment of schools for instructing
the young in whatsoever things are civil and useful in the creation. This im-
plies, a wise parent, and showing that he had no narrow view of the ben-
efit of that good instruction, which, as William Penn observes, "is better
than wisdom." He frequently visited these schools and advised deeply in the
work in them, Friends, took on the subject of family training his advice often
quoted may perhaps at this time be truly revived. Very clear was his
view of the Christian duty of family instruction and exhortation, an engage-
ment we believe, not only a part of our ministerial service as Christian
Parents, but one often greatly begged to those who we exercised therein. He
says "Let Christians bring up your children in the fear of God." "Dear Friends
school all your families at times and seasons that they may be informed in
the Truth." When you were professors only many of you did inform and in-
struct them in the same when you had had the power, and now being brought
into the Truth, we should be more diligent to exhort and instruct them. Again
"It is desired that all Friends who have Children, families and servants,
may train them up in the pure and unspotted education, and in the nurture
and fear of God, and that frequently they read the Holy Scriptures, which
is much better than to be gathering abroad, and school and admonish them
till every party apart may serve and worship the Lord as well as in
public. That Council, you will find is the true covenant of the spirit which
concerns you & your families, or teaching & instructing your servants
& slaves." Unjustly, many however have, we find, been taught of old
priests, & in individual cases, and in the experience of our Society, will
we record one and labour in this good work, we trust, be attended
with the blessing of God.

To the Committee,

Samuel Austin, Jr.

Newport, Sixth month, 17th, 1857. 22

We adjourned from 8 o'clock to Monday afternoon.

Ninth day of November Oct 18th 1861, we resolved as follows:

The Resolutions being called over all present were unanimous
in regard of the fact following, namely, that for what above mentioned difficulty, Friends
were given.

Religious ministrations in our way, friends who are with us from our Yearly
Meetings, have been read, advised and seconded.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meetings have been read and
the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them, with transcripts of Epistles
received from the several Yearly Meetings, to our respective Quarterly
Meetings.

Having attended to the various important concerns that have claimed
our attention this present year, and witnessed as we humbly trust from day
to day the progress of our Heavenly Father's love spread overseas, wherein which
we have ever clearly visible & other in the fellowship of the spirit, we con-
clude, prosperity to us & all this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord
permits.

Sarah F. Tobey

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Summary Answered.

1. Happens by the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings that most of
our meetings have been attended by the greater part of our members and then
have been more crowded than usual on account of sickness and internal
trouble, and a want of acquaintance with some in the performance of this im-
portant duty, on which account some care has been taken. The name is nearly
unheard. Friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances
and some care taken. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour.
2. Other Friends we enjoin to maintain true and ready, and to guard
against contention, or what has been taken to and differences when they have
occurred.
3. There is a care with most Friends to pray with thanksgiving their direc-
tion in plainings of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from
reading profane books and from the corrupt conversation of the world,
and to be and examples herein themselves, yet deficiencies are apparent
with us in these respects, We believe the body altogether are generally
and in most Friends' families.

4. Care, as far as appears, of the improper use of spirituous liquors
prevailing in rural & other places & among us. Motions are
made to the several Monthly meetings, burial and other occasions.

5. Encouragement is still given on inspection, and their necessities relieved
Tui-chia is to take in China, and none are placed from among Friends

6. There is a concern among us that all proceedings with respect to marriage
be conformable to discipline, yet there are some cases of marrying
couple left over our Society, and one Quarterly Meeting states that
decreations have occurred & no one has been wounded.

7. Consideration generally maintained with respect to the several
parts of this query.

8. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several parts of this
query.

9. Most care is taken to record. Some difficulty in regard to certificates
and some care taken.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders, & to this, in a good degree, is
owed their rest, not without difficulty in some instances; and judgment
has been placed according to discipline.

Extracts.

Having been permitted to meet together again at this time in a
Yearly Meeting capacity, and to experience your season by season as we
nearly know a measure of that Heavenly covering under which are
Peace and Safety, our thoughts have turned towards your dear beloved
Sisters who are not privileged to be present on this interesting occasion, with
desires that you may be made in some degree partakers of the various
concerns that have come before us.

On reviewing the state of Society our minds have been affected on
account of deficiencies which to some extent exist among us. The neglect
of some of our members in regard to the attendance of our religious
meetings has called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have
been earnestly encouraged to greater faithfulness in the performance of
this important duty. Faithful and touching appeals have been made to
encourage us always not to neglect the assembling of themselves before
the Lord in these seasons for strength and ability to live in spirit
in the world and return their thanks unto Him, desiring to be instructed
of Him, & by His grace assisting his infirmities and to descend upon them from
on high, & under that it is indeed said to sit under the shadow of
His wings.

In the answer, our dear & dear meetings, like all else to this assembly
in regard to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and very earnest have been
the exhortations of concerned Friends, that both as families and individuals
we may be engaged daily to read, and reverently to ponder upon this in-
estimable volume which is able to make wise unto salvation through
faith which is in Christ Jesus.

A concern has been felt at this time, on account of the younger members
of our Society, some of whom are in attendance of this meeting, and mothers and
bids in mature life have been encouraged to cultivate towards their young
Christian sympathy and love, and to seek for ability signifying to approach
them in the freedom of the truth, entering into the trials and difficulties that
often beset their way, Promoting between those of different ages such feelings
of confidence and religious intercourse as might be useful to both clergymen, believ-
ing we should thus be enabled by the aid of the Holy Spirit (without which
we can in nowise rightly labor for the spiritual benefit of others) to direct
and animate one another in the journey heavenward..

We have been again and again entreated not to be found loitering at the
threshold of the sanctuary, not to be satisfied with seeing others enter without
and striving to enter in ourselves. Time is short, it is not at our command, but
is given us of God, and we know not how soon he may be pleased to withdraw
it from us. May we then individually yield ourselves to our beloved Saviour,
who loved us and gave himself for us, and whose gracious invitation still is,
'Come unto me'; and since we do know that time is indeed very precious, may
we be preserved from spending it in the frivolous pastimes and amusements
that abound in the world, seeking rather to flee from its deceitful vanities and
enticements, and under a sense of our accountability be engaged to occupy
the time because the days are evil.

The reading of pernicious publications was frequently adverted to, not only
as a waste of time, in every portion of which we are to render an account, but
as a positive practical evil to ourselves, by giving place in the mind to those
views which are calculated to divert us from substantial truth, and to drown
a discerning spirit during which would tend to give us a true sense of the
things of time and with it Divine blessing to instruct us in the things of eternity.

Expressing testimonies from Frederick Huntington, residing upon the River
Thames, concerning our dear beloved friend Joseph Brackett and his
wife Maria C. Brackett, and one from their daughter Mary Huntington, addressed to
our Annual Meeting, concerning a late and kind gift of a sum of money
be received and read. The memory of these beloved friends, of their

converted lives and of their concord with him God is precious to us, and
we are anxious at the great other creation process to have
for his service and the common welfare right in our hearts, in all ways of his word
and the gospel as our guiding brought home to us, are we living in this
world with the spirit of Christ which abides with salvation.

The Louisvile meeting of 1856 has been held, and we desire that
it acceptable concord be continued, and to invite dear friends to make the
presenting of this life, and to bless our sisters and our children upon
the various scenes of the life to come, may find a place in your heart.

Satisfactory reports from our Boarding School Committee and the Com-
mittee on Education have been made. The care extended to the children by
our Society, as our full instant report, is encouraging to us.

The following minute proposed by our Friends has been adopted with
and adopted by this Meeting viz:

"This Monthly Meeting has been convened to encourage Friends every-
where within our circuits to continue to cultivate love and Christian charity
towards those who have separated from us, that if it be the will of the
Great Head of the Church that any of them should return to us the door
may be kept open. I beseech to do so, in the good name of our religious Society.
We are comforted in believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherishe-
d among us, and we trust that where any of the clergymen called to our charge
to return, the manifested Providence may prove encouraging and strength-
ening to them."

We have had the acceptable company of our dear friends Priscilla Green
and Mary Nicholson, from England, and many others from neighbouring States
resident, whose labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging, af-
fording an evidence that the Lord is still mindful of us.

Having attended to the various important concerns that have claimed
our attention the present year, and witnessed as we humbly trust from
day to day the canopy of our heavenly Father's love spread over us, under
which we have been closely united together in the precious gift of the gospel,
we conclude, proposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year
in the Lord's peace.

James H. Avery, Clerk,

To London Meeting a Friend.

Dear Friends.

The classic service date 8th May 1803 A.D. 1830 had by a mutual
and cordial alliance to the common and edifying of our minds. In considera-
tion this communion with outward action friends to be a blessed provision, and
desire that it may be maintained in the love and power of the unconquerable
Truth, that we may continue to realize, as at the present time, that even in
the midst of our unwatchfulness and weakness, we are still remembered for good
by Him from whom all good cometh.

May the happy unity of the Spirit be maintained in the bond of peace.
Well indeed is the fellowship of the Spirit, being fellowship one with another
through Jesus Christ the wise Head of the Church from whom the whole body
is joined together and compacted of that which even joint supplieth, according
to the affection waiting in the members of every part, making increase of the body
to the edifying of itself in love. May every member of this body which is
the Church be brought by the promulgatory operations of the Holy Spirit into
a resolution to perform its appointed office in entire subordination to His
divine direction, that there be no striving for the mastery among us; but
that we may be enabled to adopt the declaration of the Apostle when he said
The consideration is this On testimony of your conscience that in simplicity
and singleness of heart with freedom withdrawn by the grace of God we
have had no consultations in the council and unanimity to forward
Thus beloved friends we shall witness an increase of true oneness, and
a blessedness in the important principle so long professed by this religious
society, even a belief in the prophecies of that grace which hath appeared
unto me, and which if faithfully received will bring us to rest in
immortality at the very feet of Jesus, waiting in childlike simplicity and
affectionate for the gracious words which proceed from his mouth. That shall
we be led and guided into all truth and known by our individual efforts
since the inestimable value of the sufferings of that Saviour who died
for us, the just for the unjust, who came to ourselves not only from the
power, but from the power of sin, and who caught life and immortality
to give through the Gospel.

These sentiments have been shared by your expressions of sympathy with
our beloved deceased friends, for whose encouragement in the light of
the Lord, many living desires have been felt, and prayers have ascended
within behalf that during the things that are wheresoever they may be brok-
en to press forward, adopting the godly resolution of one formerly

others need they may, as in me and my house we will serve the Lord.
"Today this is a day that calls for faithful labours. Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." May we be encouraged to seek ably & willingly to pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

When we consider the increased opportunities enjoyed by young friends of the present time for obtaining literary instruction, we are reminded of the importance of an entire dedication of their energies and improved talents to the service of the great Giver - and also of the responsibility attached to those to whom He has entrusted the feeble, the lame, & even the one taken that they may be employed, as in the great day of account to be returned with joy and not with grief.

We find one of the peculiar temptations of the age to be a too earnest pursuit of our worldly avocations, a too absorbing interest in the fleeting things of time, and we would encourage you beloved friends as mothers, wives and sisters to exert a goodly influence over those around you who may be more immediately concerned in trade or business, and be content with us rather by adopting a more simple style of living & eschewing very expensive establishments we may not sometimes have those so near and dear to us from heavy burdens and perplexities which now encumber their minds, rememb'reing the advice of an Apostle: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

We continue to feel a deep interest in the emancipation of the slaves in the Southern portion of this widely extended country, and we trust the day is coming nearer and nearer when their bonds will be broken and when songs of rejoicing will arise from the once master and slave uniting that the heavy burdens which so long oppressed them are removed.

The company and various services of our beloved friends Piscina Green and Henry Richardson, gospel messengers from your land have been refreshing and encouraging to us. May they be sustained by hope from on high and enabled to justify their mission of peace and good will to the edification of their own minds, and the honor of His name faithfully called them to His work & service among us and who even now fulfilling his gracious promise return: As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

It can not be very acceptable company of other dear friends from Sister's yearly meetings, whose gospel labors have been blessing them to us. With the unusual salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Society,

Frank L. Hobley Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting & Women Friends.

Dear sisters,

The reading of your accurate views, with mine, on other
Yearly Meetings, has been truly precious to us, covering us completely with the
sense of the fellowship to be enjoyed by the followers of the Lamb, who have
known something of being drawn right unto Him and to one another. So it is
most precious indeed in the one great eyeing manna for us all. It is very
dear to you at this time, we are given liberty to feel our entire dependence
on the Great Head of the Church for strength and giving to give anything that
shall tend to your edification or encouragement. Turnward; but we have
been comforted in the remembrance that He who is all wisdom and love,
the same merciful Father and Shepherd over his flock. When we now give
you, so dire a moment because of the many hindering and obstructing things
around them may be surrounded, but be willing to labor in that ability which
is afforded for the uniting of one another in the most holy faith and
confidence in His all-sufficiency, in every time of need, striving to leave those
things which are behind, and press onward towards the mark for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Some of us might have been seriously affected in coming together in this our
annual assembly, in beholding the vacant seats of those who have in time
past stood as pillars in the Church, valiant for the testimonies of their God,
but have, as we trust, now entered into everlasting rest - and an earnest
breathing of soul has arisen to the Father of all our save mercies on behalf
of the middle and younger ranks, that they may know of greater individual
faithfulness and watchfulness unto prayer, more simple and willing con-
cern to the pointers of the finger of Truth, that there may be a state of
desperation experienced to receive the saving mantle of those who have
passed from the Church militant to form the Church triumphant.

We do now gratefully to acknowledge the condescending grace of His
unwearied hospitality in this precious covering which has been spread
over us under which much continual counsel has been extended to the dif-
ferent classes; and the importance has been urged upon us of the more
widening of wider sympathy from the elder to the younger portion of our
Society by a familiar freedom in the truth. To those even whose estimable
wants claim to place aside of our attention your kind and dear Soren, and
Isatting cool - since the need of the tender and gathering care of those who
may be left as mothers in strait, that the precious body may yet faithfully
and steadfastly exercise the power of its form - until that the clothing

of the names and afflictions of our Saviour and his, which is, as we call it,
the Apostle, in the sight of God of great price.

27. We are now in this world, and friends are engaged to bring
to us steadily, turned inward. It is, as our own Father, and pattern in
the world cause in the Bulk & duty, because of weakness and imperfection
that may befall in those who stand in their view in the light of examples
in the Church. It is for this class everywhere, we feel so deep and lively
interest, and fervent desire they may not seek from without, in "the pearl
of great price", but look inward, giving heed to those tendering impressions
which at times dismote the heart calling for faithful obedience to the requi-
sitions of duty, even in little things, remembering the declaration that a
"faithful in a very little", shall be made ruler over more.

Our dear visitors, may we all endeavor to abide in our Lord, watching
and praying in all journeys of spirit for a renewal of faith and strength
to man whom who hath loved us and given himself for us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Jessie
Greene and Mary Richardson from England with several dear friends from
the yearly meetings, whose gospel labors have been very precious and
encouraging to us.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Visitors,

In the fellowship of the Truth we would address you, beloved
sisters, humbly desiring a qualification may be received to speak a language
that may honor that spirit in which we can alone easily and ankle, and
through which our epistolary correspondence can be maintained to the edifi-
cation of the church. We are often humbled under a sense of our inability to
do any good thing ourselves, may you, with us, then seek to that heavenly prin-
ciple by which the temple of our hearts is brought into order, that in increasing
the clearer knowledge gained opinions may be no sacrifice, bringing
us to a more accurate taste with ourselves which is worth meeting for,
proving for what precious legacy of grace which a holy Psalm testi-
fies of, "Fear I have with me, my Grace I give unto you, not as the
world gives, give I unto you, within me dwelling of love and constancy will
prevail and let it be said, departing from the mind of instability, and

inviting us to perform our Christian and social duties in this age, so that
we and may be conformed with you.

Friends have been unusually much convened at this time, on the meeting
of instructive and interesting communications received from our beloved sister
of other Yearly Meetings, & the article of Special Correspondence, which we
desire to commend the General Meeting in the spirit of love, before wide spread
from branch to branch, as we are individually engaged in abide in the true
vine. Our Yearly Meeting is large and it is encouraging to see the interest
evinced by our beloved young friends in the concerns of Society, and though
many difficulties are presented in the answers to the Queries, which have elic-
ited many pertinent and suitable remarks from concerned Friends, we humbly
hope they may prove to some as bread cast upon the waters found after
many days, cherishing a hope that will be a succession of Standard Bearers
in the militant Church.

We have, at this time, the company of our beloved friends Miss Anna Green
and Mrs. Richardson from England with seven more friends from neighboring
Yearly Meetings whose labors in the gospel have been long accepted of and
advised. We desire with our beloved friends that the condition of those
held in slavery may continue to have an abiding interest in our minds, that
we may be concerned to know if there is anything whereby we can promote
the amelioration of their unhappy state, and be willing to do that which
our hands may find to do in securing their emancipation.

The humble and gratefully acknowledge to have many done. Mourning
that he in spreading his banner over our gathered assembly, exhorting
us to forward the important concerns that have come before us in much
unanimity. May the hand of God continue to rest on us and us, that
we may be profited in every good work, doing the will of our Lord and
Master.

With the salutation of love we bid you farewell, and remain
your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

In allusion to your newspaper article of 10th inst.
last, we sincerely trust you will be pleased to learn that the
time has now arrived when we are anxious to seek for able qualifications, which

Our views were to maintain our position, independent to the coming of God,
and let all one go as it may. Our own friends, may we be often engaged to
call up him who knoweth our strength, who still comes not to regard
us in his conversation. His humble dependent children; and saying "We
are not in high Places which cannot be touched with the hand of man in
justness, & & Let us have one communication with the hand of grace, that we
may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Although we
who know wear out of deep and close sorrow, and discouragement, now "van-
ish away" we will cast away our confidence which hath
now become obscured, or faint by reason of the dangers and difficulties
of the way, but find ourselves near to the "new world journey", putting on
the Breastplate of faith and love; and in an instant, the hope of salvation."

We have at this time, no meeting tost, but intended to experience the
overwhelming power of divine favour to be near, and have our favour of
God to be with us, which have claimed our attention in heaven and
here. Much solicitor counsel has been imparted and encouragement ext-
ended to the brotherly and sincere traveller Zion-ward, and the dear young
people have been affectionately invited unreceivably to dedicate their hearts
to Him, who, through the devious path of life, will prove a true counsellor
and guide, and whose gracious assign towards us is to do us good, and make
us happy here and hereafter.

In viewing the State of Society as presented in the answers to the Queries,
deficiencies are apparent among us, particularly in the attendance of our
religious meetings, and many exercised friends have been feelingly engaged
in encouraging to greater diligence in this very reasonable service. The at-
tention of Parents has been directed to the importance of letting their tender
offspring with them, that their minds may early impregnable with a sense
of their accountability to our Father who is in Heaven being sensible that He
is toward even in early life, to visit them with the gentle touchings of His
care and Mirth has been espoused a tendency to watch over their bairn
children, and seek for safety to guard them from every hurtful thing.

I have had the acceptable company of one dear friend Dr. Schenck Garrison
and Mr. Henderson from England, and many others from neighboring yearly
meetings, whose names & love have been strengthening and encouraging,
affording an evidence that the Lord is still ministering unto us according to
what we are.

With health, prosperity, we commit our trust to God with bold
confidence and is well advised we rise and do us as is written.

and our love under a sanctified.

With the benediction of God upon your names.

Worried by disease, you continue, like Abing

Sarah Stobey wrote

To Our Evangelical Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

How willingly we rejoice at the end of affliction & travail in deliverance and deliverance, and we have found in the past few days time to comfort you beloved Sisters and to acknowledge the weight of your cordial Epistles in these years - the burden of which has caused thankfulness to abide in many hearts. But to the dear Help of the people has been given to give life. His servants thus to administer the word of consolation to those who stand in need of spiritual aid. We feel that these Society communications will profit, by bringing the members of the militant Church nearer and nearer to each other in the bonds of Christian friendship, the preciousness of which is well experienced by those who are righteous excelled to come up suddenly on the Lord's side, knowing all as soft and as light that they may join Christ.

We have had in this our annual assembly abundant cause to commendate the continued remembrance and goodness of Israel's commanding Shepherd, whom all condescended to regard as their estate, and caused the safety of his flock to appear ominous. While thankfulness abides in our hearts for these continued, but committed favours, we are not unmindful of the trials which many of our beloved Sisters have to endure, and especially have our minds been accustomed by sympathy with you, and desires have arisen that you and our hearts may be strengthened to be co-workers together in endeavouring to repair the walls of Zion, and restore her waste places, that we may all unite in advancing this important work to him, upon whom it devolveth to be: "The reproved enter back, The restored by Justice to dare on, and let this inviolate language stay in His own due time be with justice extended with Zion - Thus, thus; for lo, it is come, and its voice - the Lord is risen around this". May we be steadfast and immovable, holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for this was once distinguished to living members of the Militant Church, when we were in the world, and I saw them mid the manifold trials to which they were then exposed.

We have had in a new state of rest the following dayings of this Assembly, the next 2 days shall be to see off the last of the

was not very good, as we had expected, to incite the
whole church society, who were eight thousand, to meet us,
and to be convinced that these had been dictated upon our minds by the
unwritten unity of sentiment with which we have been enabled to transact
the concerns of the church.

We have, notwithstanding, been deeply exercised on points in regard
to the course to be pursued, as they have been presented by our several Quarterly
Meetings, and many practical and (at the trial reward) have been made by
those whose spirits have been bowed under a view of the main difficulties
involved, and the dispensation necessary in our members from their simplicity, which
formerly characterized the members of this Society, and much sympathy of
feeling was expressed for that interesting class among us who occupy the
sphere of relationship of relatives, and we would most willingly recommend
a close and unceasing attention to the subjects devolving upon us as citizens,
in the early education of our noble offspring, remembering that they are made
spiritually, the joy of the present and the hope of succeeding generations. We
doubt not very many among us can more feelingly and sincerely adopt this
language of an Apostle, "I have greater joy than to see that my children
walk in the truth." The necessity of these coming forward and showing themselves
to be on the Lord's side, is increasingly felt, as we behold the vacant seats of
standard bearers, who have been removed from works to rewards - fathers
and mothers in heaven, who have been stedfast examples to the flock, and
zealous laborers in the cause of Truth. Still, the consistent practice of
a virtuous life, and true quiet and peaceable close, incline us to individual
faithfulness, but we may be found following them, as they followed
Christ.

We are favored at this time with the company of our good friends Mrs.
Sarah Clark and Mrs. Nickerson from England, with many dear friends
in neighborhood, Young Hastings whose gospel labors have been agreeable
to us. Truly we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage
but the best of the messengers have thus been turned towards us.

With the sanction of love, we are your friends,

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Anti-Slavery Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
(Dear Sisters,

In the name of the Saviour of the world, and

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites together all who are members of Christ, wherever situated, we desire to offer to you our exhortation at this time.

Our exhortation given to dear you has been used in this case an unusual opportunity and together with those from other cities scattered throughout the Union, we need not now add much to it. The Sabbath school, however, the news and disbursements, those who love the Lord and wish to honor him, examine each other in certain memories of one church and family, & which he is the typical head, and desired have pronounced that this year may pass under the curse, that Zion's borders may be enlarged and the Lord's cause may be exalted, & that Babylon, & Rome, & the strokes which shall be removed, neither shall any of the earth be able to abide."

The love of God to man is manifested in three ways as pointing sinners, his benevolence to man in creation raised from creation plants animals & objects of utility and man the dominion into infinite space God hath said unto man, that whosoever man or woman with his love, & the succession of all earthly objects - that his spirit may influence all our thoughts, words and actions - that we may be simple, sincere, self-denying, even - & thus collecting our selves, loving not the world, nor the things that are in the world but making the will of God our sole object - seeking above all other things to know and love Him supremely. And then the love of man & brotherhood, love one to another, & in no wise but in recognition among men. This was the distinguishing characteristic of our Saviour's mission: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Let us consider that it is in the afflictions of man and trouble that the divine Being comes into His field, long years and thousands have it.

Sisters and those in middle age have been encouraged to a more intimate acquaintance and sympathy with the young and those just entering upon the Christian cause, that the former too often wishing others that two classes of society may be removed. They thus performing their duty, & we cannot find it may be hard to open their hearts, and except in doubt and difficulty which you wish them publick, and the author while teaching it, and assisted by your more mature experience, may successfully find them up, in turn, young and old animated by the stronger faith, and more, fresh impulses of the young rank.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friends, Miss Weston and Mrs. Wickham from England, and of several other friends, an English

the most diligent whose labors in the cause of their and our "Sister Slave," may, we trust, be blessed to us - and we have renewedly felt, that "in giving up all our years and the use of him we bring the good tidings, that is better than life."

The innocent claims and sufferings of the oppressed Christians, and the whole world in consequence of us - and the victim lambs of Zion. But little hope of relief in them, so little prospect of our benefit from any effort of ours on their behalf, and almost no assurance which we know find ital. with in the Earth, that He is a God of judgment and justice, and that He has promised "For the opposition of the poor, for the sighing of the weary, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him on high from him that puffeth at him." Let us then pray in faith, that He will hasten to fulfill his gracious promises, and lead on to us the path of duty thygated to them.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

In regard of directory, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

We are again struck remissly, a snare favored to afford us to gather in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, to transact its various affairs of the Church, and, as ardently as is possible (for we fear of ourselves we can do nothing) to perform that worship, which is alone acceptable to Him, who is a spirit, and who hath declared by that worship ^{to} Him, must worship ^{to} Him in spirit and in truth; And we have been comforted in the belief that He is still mindful of His Church and people.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle, with those of other Yearly meetings, has afforded a fresh evidence, that although strangers as to the outward we are in spirit indeed one with another, and are bound to enjoy brotherhood & fellowship ^{as} love, which ever was the badge of true discipleship, agreeably to the words of our beloved Saviour. "They know hence you men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

We have at this time in company with our dear friends Priscilla Garrison and Hannah Nickols from Great Britain, and several friends from other New England, whose company and good humor have been acceptable and a source of慰 to us. The language of the inspired Prophets has often been uttered in an instance: How beautiful upon the mountains are - the

feel & know that the evil condition w^s, & I trust it has been & will
be turned to good, & the publick & the nation will be won to You, the
great Righteousness!"

We consider the state of Society we mind since we have gained in ac-
count gradiciencies which to those who look around us, it will appear
impossible to conceive at the same time we have more spirit & energy in the
Lord, & the Anti-Slavery cause. We would be pleased to make
you as our kinsmen in all our ways.

Our cause openly, acting tame, has, we trust, been owned by the great
Head of the Church, and we have been favored to transact the various Con-
cerns which have come before us in much memory and love.

However some dear young friends are in attendance at this time, evin-
cing in their consistent behaviour the interest they feel in the affairs of
the Church. May this portion of our Society, both with you and us be en-
couraged to remember their Master in the days of their youth, and that an
eager sacrifice is well pleasing to the Lord.

The report of the Boarding School Committee was satisfactory, and en-
couraging calling forth many lively expressions of thankfulness for the privi-
lege of such an institution, where our dear children may be educated,
and preserved from the temptations with which they are surrounded in the
world, and we fully believe that as we are concerned to encourage those who
are qualified, not only to impart useful knowledge, but also to cultivate in the
tender minds of the dear children principles of piety and virtue, we shall
in due time witness fruit your seed thus sown, and there will be
those amongst us, who will by a well ordered life and conversation, give
evidence that they are qualified for usefulness in our beloved Society.

We continue to feel a widen interest for the welfare of those now enslaved
in bondage by the power men, and ardently pray to our God that the day
may be hastened when slavery may cease throughout our favored land.

With the Greetings of Love, we send your Sister,

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

The following names of Friends attending on the Annual Meeting in New Haven,
the 1st & 2^d inst., were voted, by unanimous voice, on the 1st. Month
inst. of said meeting, to be sent to the Office of the same, inclosed, 1858; -

On the 1st & 2^d inst. previous to the Annual Meeting, it
was voted to send a memorial from our General Preaching Meetings, it
shows that the following Friends have been appointed representatives
to the Annual Meeting, viz.:

From New England - Elizabeth Chapman, Ruthia D. Tolson, Mary A.
Ward, Elizabeth Chapman, Elizabeth C. Price, Anna How-
ard, Sarah Wade, Eliza J. Payne, Mary Williams and Cynthia
Dowd.

From Middle Tennessee, Mary E. Brad, Elizabeth Price, Benton
St. George, Hannah Paige, Lura L. Huntington, Mary Nichols,
and Soiah Johnson.

From Sandwick - Mary B. Barnes, Anna H. Pardee, Rachel A.
Hartland, Ruth Davis, Lucy R. King, Phoebe R. Gifford,
Betsey P. Wood, Elizabeth C. Wing, Mary Shepherd, Mary
A. Gifford and Eliza H. Whitney.

From Baltimore - Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Jane W. Maud, Eunice
J. Rice, Lydia Hindman and Frances Day.

From Barbados - Sarah C. Earle Anna Maria Crowley, Mary F. B.
King, Lucy J. Collins, Mary F. B. Ostrove and Anna B. Earle.

From Barbados - Anna E. Lang, Lydia Jones, Jane W. Jones, Martha
Evans, Rachel B. Nichols, Susanna Jones and Hannah S. Hil-
lusk.

From Ohio - Hannah Marek, Elizabeth Varney, Hannah G. Sawyer,
Ruth Sawyer and Comfort Neal.

From Fairfield - Olive King, Mary J. Paige, Martha B. Heathaway,
Sarah T. Thompson and Betsey Bailey, -

which, however, except first, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons
are given.

By the report from the Quarterly Meeting, it appears that
Whole Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Whole Island Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Dame to the station of an Elder;
Southwick Quarterly Meeting has united with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance
in the ministry of Hannah D. Tolson; and that Wethersfield Quarterly meet-
ing, as united with Orchard Street Meeting in the appointment

of Anna Maria Greeley and Clementine H. Tucker to the service of the Society.
Resolving cordially from our Sisters of Zion, Sarah A. Wickham, Baltimore, Anna C. Currier, Chic and Adrienne Henry, that we have been
acceptably used, giving us cause to feel the value of thy benevolence,
which has a tendency, as we believe, to strengthen the bonds of Christian
affection between us and our dear absent sisters; and we appoint the
following Friends to consider the subject, and as may may open it, to
present reports of it to present to a future sitting, viz.: Rachel A.
Montauk, Rhoda Swartout, Lydia M. Reed, Hannah S. Tracy, Ruth
K. Gifford, Emma J. Rich, Lydia H. East, Gertrude H. Cattoe, A. Ains
Kane, Hannah F. Sawyer, Lucy J. Collins, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Emma D.
Boyer, Alice Henry, Sarah J. Tobey, Ruth H. Baker, Abby L. King,
Miriam H. Reed, Penelope H. Rogers, Elizabeth Meader, Mary B. Far-
num, Miriam Newhall, Jane C. Windett, Ann Eliza Lang, Mary C.
Stone, Lydia P. Thig, Emma Day, Esther Jones, Lucy J. Hawks, Mary J.
Briggs, and Eliza B. Boyce.

We appoint Mary E. Reed, Sarah H. Anthony, Olivia C. Oliver,
Sarah G. Sawyer, Dorcas A. Tucker and Hannah T. Barber, to prepare
a summary from the answers, to present to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet, at the close of this meet-
ing, to confer upon the subject of clerks, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Second Day Afternoon, met near the fourth hour.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported the
they are united in proposing the appointment of Sarah M. King as
clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce, as assistant clerk, which being suffi-
ciently voted, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing
year.

Our beloved friends Priscilla Green and Mary A. Wards, i.e.
Sarah Brainerd, who attended this May Meeting last year, and whose
certificates were then read and minuted, are acceptably with us at
this time, and their certificates have been again read to our satisfaction.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved
friends Amy Thompson, of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Sam-
uel Jay, of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, Maryland; James Jordan, of
Timewalk Monthly Meeting, New York; and Charlotte Vards, of
Pawpaw Monthly Meeting, and satisfactory certificates of being with

the day finished and will make general religious arrangements
for the respective Meetings over land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Rev.
James C. Jones, from China; Anna Thompson; Anna Thompson, who
accompanies her husband, George Thompson; Abby Lane, companion to
our friend Alice Clark Standish; and our friends, William Ward and
his wife, Holiday Ward - and satisfactory testimonial concerning
them have been presented and read.

We are informed through an Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting,
that they have set apart a Committee to attend the opening of Western
Yearly Meeting, and have appointed correspondents to write epistles
and documents adapted to that meeting, thus opening the way for the
ception of such tokens of Christian fellowship as their friends of
different Yearly meetings may see meet to adduce; and our
Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare an epistle of an
epistle to that meeting, if we should open it.

Rev. Weston Edwards, Priscilla Green and Mary Nickerson, having
no prospect of again attending this Yearly Meeting in the course of
their vacation visit in this land, are appoint Tuckah S. Routledge, Eliza-
beth Howard, Anna F. Avery, Lydia Headland, Phoebe R. Gifford,
Mary B. Munroe, Ruth H. Baker and Mary E. Reed, to unite with
a Committee of men Friends, in preparing suitable returning certificates
for our dear friends; and also returning minutes for other dear
friends, who are with us from other Yearly Meetings.

An interesting epistle from our dear Sisters of Lincoln Yearly
Meeting, of the present year, has been acceptably read.

The minutes of last year were now read.

We adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning, not near the 10th hour.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read to
consideration, and we appoint the following friends to unite with a
similar committee of the men's Meeting, in considering the subject of
fixing names for a committee to have the care of the school for
the ensuing year, viz.: Jonathan Ward, Anna W. Nickerson, William
Howard, Anna Edwards, Lydia Avery, Lydia Tucker, Lydia H.
C. Edwards, Lydia, Anna H. Earle, Anna D. Curtis, Lydia C. Avery,
Anna D. Edwards, Lydia, Anna Edwards, Lydia C. Avery.

and Lucy & Laus.

Commence the other assembly, by the reading of the queries and answers, preceding us, as the general query, is above.

Adjourned to Wednesday this afternoon.

Will be published.

The remaining queries and answers have been read, with a summary prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Many minds have been introduced into our exercise on account of the difficulties they met with, and living voices have been raised in our hearts for the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies. Friends have been largely recruited to greater diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings, and to meet, when thus ascertained, to have the mind withdrawn from the encircling things of this life; that we may be able to worship the Father in spirit and in truth; and very interesting and impressive testimonies have been borne by some of our dear members, of renewed experience, and for y^r years, to the comfort and encouragement they have witnessed from time to time, when they have passed through difficulties, and palpable hindrances in the right hand and on the left, to attend even small meetings. They have realized, at these seasons, that, as they were concerned to draw near unto God, he was graciously pleased to draw near unto them, and to strengthen and sustain them with the water, and bread of life.

We have, been earnestly endeavoring to cultivate feelings of charity and love towards each other, and especially to avoid malignant in a spirit of retaliation, which must inevitably lead to our own poverty, and the injury of others; and in view of our failings and foul coming, we believe the breaking of many spades, at this time, has been - ~~to~~ a water, blood, before my mouth; keep the door of my eyes.⁷³

The following is a summary of the answers to the queries.

1st. All our meetings, in various towns and districts have been duly held, and attended by most of our members, except a few small meetings, which some of the account state were omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, yet unimpaired is our number, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, and those for

enjoined. There is very much care & trouble in preventing
stealing, except in a few instances. Mostly clear & other unbecoming
behaviour. Some care has been taken in regard to the above difficulties.

2d. Love and unity which should be maintained by most Friends. Per-
secution not sufficiently guarded against by all. When differences
arise, care not to let them stand long.

3d. It appears that a care rests on the minds of most Friends to
bring up their cases before direction in business or speech, behavior and
upkeep - to sustain their poor friends reading and script communication
and to be exemplary herein themselves - yet there is a great apathy with
them, in the consideration of our propagation in these respects. The Party
Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Care is given as regards to the improper use of spirituous liquors.
Friends endeavored to attend the trials of public ~~concernment~~. Obligation
is observed in the account of births, marriages, and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their
necessities relieved - their children, partake of learning - more peace
among Friends.

6th. There appears to be a care with most Friends and Friends' fami-
lies with many others young and unmarried, that all proceedings with
respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. There have been
several instances of marrying contrary to the same, though, in which ac-
count care has been extended.

7th. Mostly clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their ac-
counts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their
debts, and also, to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Careful as to records, except in one instance. Some deficiency
in regard to certificates. Some care taken.

10th. Friends appear to be careful to deal with offenders in the spir-
it of meekness and wisdom; though not so seasonably, in all cases, as
would be best - and to place judgment, when it appeared necessary, in the
rightly or faulty according to our discipline.

The London printed epistle of last year has been acceptably read, at
this time, and we desire that the sentiments therein contained, may
rest abidingly upon our hearts.

At 10.30 AM 10 o'clock terminated meeting.

March 2 Day following - met near the latter house.
The Friends appointed to select names for a committee to rule
the case and superintend it, - Friends' Binding House, gave the fol-
lowing names proposed to be selected, viz.: Eunice Abbott, Anna
B. Avery, Anna C. Davis, Maria A. Head, Sarah Winchell, Louisa
H. Jackson, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Munn, Ann H. Enloe, Elizabeth
A. Lane, Mrs. Elmer Lang, Lavinia May, Hannah E. Daugler, Mrs.
K. Mead, Lucy J. Banks, Lydia Taylor, Eliza W. Boyce, Mary B.
Garrison, Anna D. Dennis, Rachel S. Hartland, Mary E. Reed, Susan
Hartland, Mary A. Smithie and Elizabeth Mead, which being ac-
ceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to that service.

We adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met near the fourth house.

Reports of visitors to our Sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings, have
been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them in
manuscript, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

A report of the committee on education has been read, and is sat-
isfactory to us; and the following Friends are appointed to unite with a
similar committee of men Friends in giving attention to this interesting
subject, and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz.: Elizabeth
A. Chase, Mary Luman, Sarah Grace, Maria Buffington, Phoebe Noy-
aled, Mary Ann Atkinson, Electa Jane Collins, Oscar G. Webber, George
W. Robinson, Susan Coffey, Eunice B. Boyce, Alice A. Chase, Mary J.
Cox, Cynthia H. Huntington, Emma R. Page, Hannah Page, Maria
Kelly, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Thynne, Maria Brown, Phoebe
R. Gifford, Maria R. Smith, Rebecca French, Elizabeth, Emily the
Lucy, Sarah M. Estlin, Anne E. Head, Susan E. King, Mary D. Estlin,
Sarah C. Hayes, Mary K. Luman, Margaret Maria Weston, Lucy
Collins, Hannah Coffey, Abby Dean, Eunice J. Head, Electa Jane, Maria
Parr, Jessie Pipe, Nancy Hall, Anna Collier, Lydia C. May, Sarah
D. Weston, Mary A. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Susan Coffey, Elizabeth A.
Cook, Susan W. Nichols, Abby Weston, Cynthia Weston, Lucy Coffey,
Sarah Head, Margaret C. Head, Cynthia C. Jones, Elizabeth Frank-
lin, Phoebe Cayer, Sarah Weston, Eunice Weston, and Diana J. Shepard.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The first committee on Education appt:

which we have not been unanimous of an appointment, so that we

importance of the living and dead Society, and interesting subjects connected with the living among them, & with our community here, give rise to a large & growing mutual confidence and influence in our meetings. This is a collective capacity, except during the week when Quarterly Meeting; - yet a part of our number, at least, have endeavored, as very has opened for it, to promote the guarded education of the youth of our Society, and we assure you, our members a deep interest in this important work.

Friends have been pleased to circulate addressed to correspondents in every Monthly Meeting, and from the statistical information contained therein, the following has been compiled:

Number of children on the Monthly Meetings, between the

ages of 4 and 10 years	-	-	961
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" between 10 and 21 years	-	-	487
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" of Monthly Meeting Schools	-	-	2
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" of Preparative "	-	-	1
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" of Parochial Schools	-	-	5
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" of Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively at such	-	-	119
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" " attending non-concerned schools	-	-	1137
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" of these schools taught by Friends	-	-	42
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" of children taught by Friends in mixed schools	-	-	175
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" of numbers in Society who have been engaged in teaching within our limits	-	-	78
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" of First Day Schools taught by Friends	-	-	22
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Average continuance of these schools, about 5 months

Number of children attending the same	-	-	654
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" " who are members of our religious Society	-	-	371
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It is but just to remark, with regard to the small number above reported as in the attendance of schools exclusively confined to our members, that, in addition to these, a very considerable number young youth have been placed by parents, deeply interested in their welfare, in schools near a city, some of which are taught by Friends, and others retaining, in fact, a guarded literary education, yet, at the same time, in a condition far less injurious influences which schools of a more promiscuous character are calculated to exert.

In the account from Utsalloe Monthly Meeting, we are informed

"that can give Tiniany," a Boarding School wholly under the care of Friends within the limits of that Meeting, is now in successful operation, under the charge of Eli Jones and Sarah D. Cobb, as principal teachers, and that the progress of the pupils, at their examination in the close of the last term, was satisfactory to the Board of Managers. The average attendance of scholars, during the present term, has been about 90, of whom 76 were members of our Society.

While the scattered location of Friends in many parts of New England, will amply contribute, with other causes, to prevent the education of these children in select schools, we have been very solicitous that our own numbers, upon whom have devolved the deeply interesting and responsible charge of providing for the training of our beloved youth, would, while commendably endeavoring to procure for them a literary education, be deeply sensible of the importance of that careful home culture which so largely contributes to the formation of character in the feeblest man.

A judicious selection of books, of an entertaining and instructive nature, congenially adapted to the minds of youth, will, we believe, be largely instrumental in promoting these objects; and we would encourage all that have the training of young children, to a liberal provision of suitable reading matter in the family circle.

It has been agreed by the Committee to observe the second apportionment of the youth among us now in the enjoyment of the advantages to be derived from the attendance of First Day Schools, and we desire that Friends may be stimulated to increased efforts for the establishment and maintenance of these important auxiliaries to a virtuous cause.

To the Committee
Boston, 6th. mo. 16th, 1858. *Henry T. Wood, clk.*

Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

With the Day Afternoon, the 17th - measureless to adjustment, the deliberations being ended, all are present, and a roll call of their names at the first sitting.

An Abeyance Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same and forward it to that meeting.

Our beloved friend, Peter W. Brooks, is in attendance of this

Living at New Haven, and was presented a duplicate for
distribution among Friends, and of the copies sent to New Haven
including it, so it is a true Circular document. The accom-
panying religious services have been acceptable to us, and the time is
arrived when we wish to copy this minute.

You would find Maria Hill, is also in attendance of this meet-
ing, as companion to General C. A. Hinckley with a minute
concerning her visit that Monday evening, held in the York Meeting-
house, March 1858. Her company is acceptable to us, and the Clerk is
requested to furnish you with a copy of this minute.

Respectfully addressed to our beloved friends, Priscilla Dear, and
Mary Hinckley, have been read, approved and signed.

The Clerk is directed to cause to be printed the minutes of this meet-
ing, together with the epistles received from the yearly Meetings, and
printed here to our annual meetings.

Having ever found, during the various ^{sittings} of this Meeting, so withdraw-
ed from its services, the purvance of that are which unites, and
unites them, as we hourly trust, in having further to be near us,
when seated side by side, except in the modes received, wherein
we said Friends, is met at this place, at the usual time, next year
if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

We are again privileged through the preserving care of
our Heavenly Father to gather in our annual assembly, and while en-
joying the love and encouragement of mutual love and sympathy,
we have been led gratefully to acknowledge the merciful kindness of the
Lord of the Church, who would gently draw us nearer and nearer
to himself, and whose Banner over us is love.

Your affectionate and truly acceptable Epistle of last year has been
read at this time, and also that of 5th month last, which were indeed
affectionate (concerning to us). Most cordially do we respond to the
last expression of you, that the day may be hastened when all wars
shall cease, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,

as the other can't do. So it goes, & we are all the
inspiring men, & all day, & all the men & women, & all
the time, & you have said it's the best it is possible, & we
are going, & the day, & all day, & all day; & I think you will
be under you & colder, as much as possible, & full of you &
I would like you to go to the top of the mountain &
with the example and power of our Queen Mary, & that they might be-
held to us as even as fish for protection in the hour of danger &
the redness of rosy wings, but rather upon those spiritual weapons al-
lotted to you an Apostle writes can make us more than conquerors
through him that loves us.

The vision of your plan which you have so well delineated within our
borders, and the late attempt on the part of our Egyptian Government to
introduce territory rest with our right you a spirit, and property
so common among us, with those you are sisters upon the sea, but
The unfeigned pity on the Egyptian bondman, may, in his own good
time, also owing ^{to}, have surely seen the affliction of my people. & a
have seen their cry by reason of their task-masters; & I know their
stomach: and I am constrain'd to consider them.

Our imminent storm to come, you allude, has been permitted to sweep
gloriously over our land. Many have seen their earthly treasures go in-
away. But while called to endure the trials of adversity, earnest have
been our desires that such may be reserved for success, lasting &
with an eye & faith to Him, who, although, at times, may give in a myster-
ious way, his true & glorious end to accomplish. The rocks may be
constrained to forget, how a light finger with divine instruction, and be
permitted to adopt the language of our former, & live in the poor, &
not riches if you are with God concerned for me: but do not, and then
turn and say, "Who is the Lord?"

Our dear friends Piscilla Green and Mary Nicholson are again
away with us, and we esteem it a curse of the Almighty, that the
people are, & we feel in God with the same burden, & the gospel,
in many of the countries where Christ is late in his path,
the Lord's heritage.

The various sabbaths on this Western land & world often seen-
tomy, in which we have yet the living & sincere gospel of grace ex-
tended over us; and the various affairs of the church have
been conducted in much harmony and Christian cordiality.

My dear wife, beloved sisters, & all my visiting con-
sidered children, we hourly trust are being dictated by the spirit
of truth, continue unto the dear Sighed union against the
power of evil & destruction and comfort; & that although distance
may forbid many of us from ministering personally to the super-
eminent of mortality, by following the same rule and drinking at
the same pure fountain of living water, we may at last be all uni-
ed when no earthly barriers may intervene, when faith will be
transcended to spiritual, and spiritual to praise.

With the salutation of love, we bid you an affectionate
farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction and behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Luvin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Your acceptable epistle of 4th Month last has been
read among us at this time; and we have gratefully to acknowledge
that meeting as we are of the least of the Lower Meccies, we have
been made to partake together of a portion of heavenly bread, and have
tasted, in some measure, the love of God shed abroad in our hearts,
which we are made to rejoice in Christ Jesus - Putting no confidence
in the flesh, but recognizing the union and fellowship of believers, thro'
Him, who continues to be the head of his own church, and who is
alive now, as he was dead, to lead through the Red sea, and through
the wilderness, through judgment into victory over all our spiritual en-
emies, until the Church militant on earth, becomes the church triumphant
in heaven - the church redeemed by a glorious blood, gathered through
the crucified in Christ Jesus, out of every nation, kindred, tongue and
people - the members whereof having known the regenerating, baptising
power of the Holy Spirit, are rejoiced to rejoice together in Him who
delivered them and brought them out of darkness into this mar-
velous light.

Long and laborious would have been, for all the Lord's visited
children that day, so disabled to bear the day of the Lord's power,
& the thousandfold mighty hand, had not His arm of al-
mighty strength - the Lamb, in whose bosom, the people raised
their voices, & the people of the world were filled with a stillness.

Praying you all to give your love to our dear son, who
lived a short & very happy life, & died from
natural causes, except even unto prayer and renewed dedication
unto Jesus Christ, who is the Lord, and his service, & we
trust he is now in heaven. And we pray for you &
ourselves to get you an unwilling desire that they may by the hap-
piness of all God's people, & in their service, & their
service & labor bring them to this place of rest,
which is in the end of all temporal things, which will be soon and so
easily won, they more fully understand for them a crown of glory, which
passes not away. And although, as to the outward, the prospect some-
times looks dark and discouraging, yet, may our faith be rooted in
Him, who is able to bring forth peace as at the first, and comfort us
as at the beginning, and that even from such may be looked upon as
the stones of the church, that may be raised up Christian unto Abraham.
Truly, we have reason to believe, beloved Sis'rs, that the purpose
for which this religious society was raised up is not yet fully accom-
plished, and that there is still a work to be done in the earth by this
people, if we are but faithful unto Him who hath called us, and who
will appoint unto us individually our respective portion of service.
Let us be engaged to labour in this appointed field, be it large or
small extent, in His love and in His fear, and with a mind ever
to this along - that, whether occupying the mountain, or the plain, we
may so occupy as to receive from our Lord the reward of well
done good and a faithful servant.

We have agreed to send a copy of our blank
pamphlet as P. Green and H. Richardson go East Bldg., and in the
Prospect little may not again be afforded with us in a truly
existing society, we can expect on every side but from our
own body who can who can turn the page, has no eye and a heart
and a sound gospel mind, & is a Christian spirit & character
will still long be remembered among us.

Our testimony against sin and slavery and the ungodly
life in this time, will carry with it such that are needed to be used over, &
may faithfully maintain them on Christian ground, even if brought into
opposition, that indeed scarcely one of the inmates in the
mission, for the love of misery, sin and mortal day, & capti-
vity and ensnaring to the youthful mind, stooping carelessly to imbue them

with the spirit, that Gospel, which we are made in, to be the true
only wisdom "Every word in the spirit, and in truth, you
will hear me."

With the salutation, we send you our best regards.

Signed by direction, and in my name, & that of

Sarah F. Hobley Clark

Yesterdays early evening it was kind:

to see

The sweet hope of God was true, and
I found great spirit to unite the members of his
Church so situated, for your young association at this time.
The former night filled the minds of his friends with confidence, and
the reading of your venerable epistles touching salvation from other
Prophets, was a cheering comfort to them, consisting
mainly in the fact that "the whole creation groans yet,
and suffers, even now, the weight of sin and the curse of
despair, but we look forward to better days."

How much affliction has come lately, and we have been even
more grieved to see so many more increased afflictions in our
dear young friends, many who have in other days remained safe. O may
the Lord bear with you all as he has deeply impressed in a sense
of infinite goodness of your heavenly Father towards his
children - who he did through the deceiving influence of the world, very few
in this country sent to the various stations he has sent to re-
monstrate and rebuke him for their position. that called a ground
into being, is often raised up, thy people shall stand
upon solid ground, & be clothed with a mind, & heart willing to
guide and succor them in all the temptations and trials of their future
life.

What a day of grace, we feel as a blessing on you all
that are in the body of Christ. But it is said, "He that sows
the good seed, is also an enemy, & the tares he sows into the
field, will see there the real desire to love Him, and serve Him, and
an heavenly concerning (as the world arises) instant in pray-
er, & labor in faith in Jesus will mighty help the weak-
ness of man as the working influence of the world. Many

in the exercises which His duty is to reward us with. Let us all
as a Christian in his day and the world in this, have it in our
mind to be faithful to the spirit of prayer. And you will find a
restoration not only to yourself and example but more angel wings to
you, and not a faint, that we should watch unto prayer, and has given
us the blessed assurance that if we ask in His name, we shall receive that
which may be asked.

The accepting of individual faults says Dr. B. in a letter from Italy
inviting him to collectanea. "Hence in the Lord Jesus Christ in this
world we dwell, and by him we." & it only can our salvation expand upon
it, but a responsibility rests upon us in regard to those within the circle
of our influence. Our children, our households, the social circle in which
we move, are moreover included in this influence, and the day may
come when the earnestly desired restoration of our life-time and
consecration, that by my in no way hindered by good impressions, and
in a few hours found that in the social circle, even one, whose desire is,
where all things, to be found saving the Lord, was an influence, when
the may beauty perhaps, little estimate. In this day encouraged and
increasing interest in "the things that pertain to salvation," let not
the members of our beloved society be found wanting in our allotted
portion of duty, but be concerned to put our claim in our audience to the
gift of God which is in us.

Efforts have been timely administered to fit feelings within certain
bounds their citizens - carefully to avoid everything like irritation or
hostility when uprightness is found necessary, but in the gentle spirit of love,
by example and by precept, endeavor to bring them to the feet of Jesus,
there to be taught of Him. They have been effectually carried out
against the instant of the actual and powerful winds, over-
thrusting like the serpent, when by rebuke it denounces pride or
pride, getting cleaner, when on publickly pronouncing to itself, or
in the way of your action and words, many of which have this ten-
dency, & constantly endeavored to endeavor to bring them up in the
spirit of Colosse which was received by angels to bring peace
and tranquillity to men, but they may be found to be a
wreath of thorns testimony to do, should I think this is so
for it that it be gained.

The spirit that guides him in advancing the cause of the
gospel of our salvation. Then, if possible, the whole world over

and with you in desire that our prayers for them may often ascend to him. True it is, and let us say, he seems to veil his face for a season, or faith in his infinite goodness and wisdom may not waver; since he has declared it to be his righteous will that we may know that it is indeed, the gospel of peace, and not war.

We have had the acceptable company of our friends Maria and Mary Weston from England, and gathering dear sisters from various parts of New England, whose gospel labors we can appreciate & sympathize with, and we desire that the God of all consolation in whose name they come, will bless them with the reward of that peace which passeth all understanding.

With the expression of Christian love, we are your Sisters.

Friend of Zion in behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We have received your acceptable Epistles of 10th mo. last and send our cordial thanks for your industry, & courtesy, to you, & good wish, in writing, with you, & especially to look us help. Dear and faithful women to the soul and to them that have sought he increaseth strength. And dear Sisters, how consoling is the assurance, that in every season of discouragement, and under all our sorrows and trials, we have an ever present Advocate, and an unfailing Friend, who is bound with the girding of our infirmities, and who gave his life on the cross & uncomplainingly bore the curse of our rancor. Let us then be strong in the faith, believing in, and coming to the light, and suffer ourselves to be brought to the holiness of the sanctuary, summing up our offering in him, so as, as we are painful to him, can shield us till you within and without, we through the billows may pass over new waves upon waves.

We have at this time, the acceptable company of Misses Green & Lee & Weston from England, and some dear friends from other lands, having come a company and gospel labors have been commenced and willing to do. The subjects which have during our attention have been conducted in much harmony and love, and we

trust we will be permitted to have much time with you, that
you may be able to give us your full attention.

During the week preceding while our attention was directed
mainly to the business of a living church, it was evident to us
that we had lost a living church. It was evident to us
that much neglect of our discipline, and much carelessness had been
exhibited in regard to the diligent attendance of all from religious meet-
ings at a stated time in every, and in worship and prayer, and
especially in what was worldly nature to have the ascendancy in our minds.
We have no desire now to live in but spirit, wherever we go, and
we must have education, being one of the best ways of escape.
Sister Lucy of Christ, Method has been laboring earnestly to get the
people of every particular to disengage the important but im-
portant truth, believing that it may when once convinced to become
resistant children destined to the Father who is a Teacher that we
can experience a communication to guide their add minds.

The afflictions in the commercial world, during the last year, have
furnished reminders of the importance of moderation and care in outward
concerns, and that we should not set our affections upon things which per-
ish in the rising, but upon those things which look to peace, and which
accompany salvation.

We earnestly desire that our testimonies in regard to war and slavery
may be faithfully maintained. In conclusion, dear Sisters, may we
earnestly take heed to the injunction of the Master, "Whosoever doth
in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks
to God and the Father by him."

With salutation of love, we affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

To the Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters, You do me much pleasure to think that the
meeting opened by us, the same, and in it a large part of the
Meeting of the Year, when we have the pleasure of the
giving a little a signal, and this in connection with the work which is
a bane to the discipline of our church, and by so doing will bring
forth in this manner more and more to edify you during the long

in your place of residence in India or elsewhere, in God's service and honor.

Our meeting has been well attended and characterized by that spirit of union and concord which enables us to realize that we are graciously blessed by the great Head of the Church; and under this cementing influence, which can be effectually enlisted to diffuse in the training of our minds, a spirit of peace, and in that exalted state of existence, where we may be in the way of God in which Jesus, will be continually and immediately manifested life.

In difficulties, brought to view by looking on upwards to the heavens, and finding on our hearts a deep solicitude that Zion may yet arise, shake herself from the dust, and come up out of the wilderness, fair as the sun, fair as the moon and terrible as an army with banners; and straight has our sacrifice offered, to you cause to the young, and others have been raised, that they may be buried and covered with a new foundation, whereby they will be enabled to withstand all the various temptations which surround them.

We sympathize cordily with you in all your trials, & pray you remain in your painful seasons, that unto the Lord both the chastening and comfort may be when he visiteth; and though no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, yet grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which have experienced the day. We believe also that this language will rejoice and you: Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I am closer thee in the furnace of affliction. But the mercy of the Lord is for everlasting to everlasting unto them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children of men; to such as keep his command, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The truth we are prepared in no small measure to reciprocate your feelings (as expressed in your Epistle) that "On view of prosecution experienced in just trials, our hearts have been feelingly concorded for those, who in want of a firm establishment in the truth, have wandered from the fold and been scattered; but fresh tissets have arisen that they may turn to the Lord who will save many, and to our God who will accommodate, pardon."

We rejoice that the condition of the Indian race still claims your attention; and see the vision of ^{all} Him, who "hath made of one blood, all nations of men, for to dwell on the face of the earth," rest

upon your labor for the salvation of that dying injured people.
We have still time, however, a considerate Providence
has sent Miss Weston, an English ministeress, to the Slave
holding our captives who can truly comfort us all the even-
ing to us.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction, my kind regards to Maria.

Sarah S. Hobey Clark

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Sister,

Brother's answer does not come off well.
It is up to you to give it prominence, we humbly trust, before
the authorizing and solemnizing influence of His spirit giving power through
the same. I will get of that Annual Meeting the language of the paper
I wish. The next is to be published in the "Daily Standard".
I will then send unto you the paper of the said meeting, every thing I write
may be seen & copied from your newspaper if you please; and also let me
certainly wait for that wisdom which alone can enable us to know and to do this
thing with as faithful stewards of His manifold grace.

There have been scattered in various parts of the country and abroad these
past few days many of whom are now concerned with us, and they have
been sent in the first instance to give the privilege and opportunity
to men to take up the cross and follow on to know the Lord, that they may be as a
city upon a hill, in height above the world. And that indeed is the
privilege and happiness of the inmates of Zion, & of the city of God,
that we are a peculiar people, willing to stand by no other
than God's truth and when he gives his Son for his sheep that the sheep
may hear his voice commanding them to the Son. And so to those who are in
consideration of the humble birth and righteously suffered life affectionately
we say in behalf of the language, "She is not little, poor, wretched, but she
is sufficient to give you the kingdom."

The vegetal Epistles will be far other than satisfactory, when we
find in them a lifeless and corrupt, covering a body not able to speak
about us one word. This is like the other case mentioned to keep the soul of a
youth in the land of prison, when an only communication with us is the
privilege, and a speech that is not in the soul though we may feel
your unability to do good and to communicate.

Our interest and sympathy for those held in cruel bondage remains unabated
and we wish the mind when we meet to, often the disengaging "Farewell
to all that is earthly & carnal, yet we desire the spirit to be thy servant
and still when we meet to obey the counsel of man, will abide
in their deliverance.

Political Freedoms have been declining steadily from England, and
we are deeply grieved to find our affectionate, and their com-
munity, small voices now continuing to us.

As a last word to strengthen our hearts in your afflictions
and distress, we will add, "The will of God standeth forever!"

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Young Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We thank you for your valuable Epistles last
year, the reading of which, together with similar testimonials of affectionate
and Christian spirits and the spirit of Philip, has caused much to
our minds a sense of the freedom which like the birds the
believes in Christ one unto another and to Him the Holy Head.

On coming together at this our annual gathering, our minds were sol-
lased and comforted by the encouraging epistles from Philadelphia.
Each is carrying the sample of wisdom to be stored over us, "knowing in one
of all thy gifts, according to that thou hast given." The Sabbath
is come with us after our long separation according to our meetings. How
we have lost light over the earth, because it is easy to them that fear him
that we are friends, or enemies or good to us, when he should perfect in
us a full salvation & a full knowledge and understanding toward
him and people, but, "as the mounting from off his eve, Zion may
be to spread its arms and white her self upon the dust of the earth, and put
on her beautiful garments of righteousness."

We live in the Cross & know that we are not a forsaken people.
Many are the evidences of a Saviour's love, notwithstanding our deviations and
failings. His dwelling place is "present, between us and thee." Play the beloved
and beloved it is of the genuine invitation "Come & bring me wine
but not mingled in it." And thus we beseech to be ours on this approach
of the Sabbath and rest unto you "Soul." Zion in mine, do I tell you
the exceedingly great value of the price immortal, in comparison with which count

according to man. I consider it a mark of wisdom and
good grace with the Lord, that you have a spirit of
genuine religion spirit is of great price in the sight of the Lord. It is in your
power as a congregation of Standard bearers in the Church, and with affect-
tive interest continually to be a blessing to the church
of God in its human weakness, to accommodate the wisdom of the world. We
are but for us are not in the image of this world, we are created
to go up to heaven, and in every hand we may be specially prepared for
ourselves, are we prepared the judgment will stand, consider what the Lord
can give you always even unto the end of the world.

It is however in the consideration, that in connection with our right, privileged,
a man's heart is exposed for which we are responsible - that for all we receive we
must render an account. How should a conviction of this tend to invite to our
mistrust in the inquiry, how much more true O my soul in the Lord.

The state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries has been cause of
much anxiety and uneasiness of spirit. Every one of us all can not have been
accustomed, leading to stir up the poor mind by way of remembrance and
to renew the neglect of the simplicity and faithful discharge of duty. Others
have been educated to exercise a watchful care, both by example and precept in
the training of their children, that the tender susceptible mind may not have
occasion to take advantage of another's impudent indulgence. The exercise of
true charity hath been recommended in the words of the Apostle "If you be
overlooked in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such one in the spirit
of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

The notice of the failing of duty is but but the subject of which we are con-
cerned, now our increased attention. May we with you continue so to labor in
the good cause as that the Lord will give you success attending on labor, so
that it is well done. So in faith, we are going on - Openly - and open
it might offend others, but still open to the world, that a just ex-
ample to others of our life of service, so as to glorify God and your cause im-
plored.

My dear sisters, We are quiet, humble, and diligent in our
work in the service of the Lord, and we are bound that you can be well in
mind in the Lord.

Concerning friends here in New Haven, those for England
and elsewhere, the following are to my expectations will come
in friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings are refreshing to us. With the
sisterhood in like manner friends. We will, we trust, be

To Walter Hough, living at Weston-Subedge.

Dear Father,

The example God has given us in the case of the ancient Hebrews, you will remember, was a heavy blessing, as we have no such positive plan or vision given us, as in Moses' that we might know our enemies. Likewise, we have the opposite information, that we, whom we have always been accustomed to regard as a wicked body, we could indeed expect to derive and experience benefits in a distinct Christian dispensation, as we do now. I desire, however, to give you in what Christian fellowship in which we can greet you as Sisters beloved; and fervent are our desires that we may in all respects, in the cause of our nation Christ Jesus, the rock come strong, elect and precious.

The Reservation of our beloved Society, as a living branch of the Christian Church, the ministrations of that Ministry and ministry that were so conspicuously adorned us in ancient days, are objects that are alike interesting to us all, and we wish that the correspondence now opening may be maintained in the love, and continued to the comfort in each other.

Our Society is now spread over a wide extent of territory, our meetings daily multiplied and varied in their scenes. We yet on main depend on the Lord for our food. The many and the few must look to the same Providence and to him and相助 the hand of grace. Strength is not found in numbers. The favor of the Lord we may choose a hundred and hope in the word of God. Some association must be formed by every churchman among us in the Lord, who is Christ's will abide with us. He will, as we say, "give us gifts according to his pleasure in every man." So far, in his ability, do we in our meetings to each member of his Church. To occupy this place, to minister to our sisterhood should be the care and engagement of every one; and equally acceptable unto him will it be to us if we may agree among us, to whose may be the station we occupy, however humble may be our position in the Church.

Our Yearly Meeting has been well attended and its various sittings have been judicious, and though the persons coming hither have not always been most gratifying to themselves, but have in general manifested a spirit of brotherly concord, friendly to the cause of Christ, and a desire to obtain his kingdom here. It is a difficult task, especially in these times, when persons are easily led away from the gospel of Christ - among them, who, when professing a certain religion, are in reality adhering to another. The consideration of such a circumstance, is a daily perplexing one, and will be given

and offered an article in my name, & I am now in full
body health.

Our dear young girls, we joyfully & sincerely give thanks,
for our beloved friend, who, in the course of many years, has been
a comfort & a guide to us all. She, like others in the world, has labored &
lived, & is now counted to have reaped the harvest of good, and then
will pass from us. We rejoice in her example, & in her teaching, and
find consolation in her words.

Our dear friend Phoebe & our dear Mary Nichols, & our
William, in attendance of this illine, & accompanying our expectant
visitors of all ages, for our dear young wife, has won a bright life
and a happy home.

With you, our sisters, with gratitude to God for mercies that are past,
and for his favor of the present, which have been to us now every morning,
we bid you an affectionate farewell, and all you friends.

With every亲热的亲吻, & greeting,

Sarah S. Hobart Clark

The New-England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Newport, in Rhode-Island, by adjournment, from the 12th of the
6th month to the 16th of the same, inclusive, 1859; -

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears
that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this
Meeting, viz.: -

From Nantucket Island - Elizabeth Meader, Sarah Linton, Ebenezer H. Reyn-
olds, Hulliah M. Bedee, Ruth W. Buffinton, Cynthia Bowen,
Elizabeth Peckham, Sarah Bladé, Ruth Anthony and Ruth B. Gifford.
" " " - Eliza Keene, Mary Nichols, Cynthia W. Huntington, Elizabeth
Paige, Ruth G. Choundlike, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Olivia C. Oliver,
Hannah Paige, Lydia Tolsom and Eliza B. Boyce.

" Sandwich - Lydia Congdon, Ann H. Dunbar, Ebenezer R. Gifford,
Rhoda D. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Maria Brown, Mercy H.
Wing and Mary G. Macomber.

" Falmouth - Abigail S. Goddard, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot,
Jane Pope and Patience B. Winslow.

" Smithfield - Ann H. Colton, Lucy G. Payson, Mary C. Kendall,
Anna W. Grover, Ann B. Earle and Mercy Ann Wong.

" Vassalboro' - Maria S. Nichols, Lydia P. Fay, Mary C. Foster,
Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah Ellen Jones and Lucy G. Whitehouse.

" Dover - Cynthia Buffum, Sarah B. Roberts, Abigail H. Hanson,
Mary Jane Hussey, Mary Hoag and Hannah H. Meader.

" Fairfield - Hannah Cope, Patience D. Swan, Lucy J. Hawks,
Betsey J. Bailey, Lydia Sheppard and Sarah T. Sampson.

Who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting has concurred with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the ap-
pointment of Lydia B. Mitchell to the station of an Elder, and with Sand-
wich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abby W. Colway and Betsey
Thim to the same station, that Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has concurred
with Portion Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the
ministry of Lucy H. Collins and Lydia B. Dow, that Vassalboro' Quarterly
Meeting has concurred with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Mary C. Jones to the station of an Elder, and that Dover Quarterly Meeting
has concurred with Liver Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Walter
Clegg to the same station.

Vincentine epistles from our Sisters of Lebanon, Cuban, New York, Baltimore, South Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been received and their salutations have brought dear friends, of those Meetings, very near to us as we trust in the fresh flourings of Gospel love; and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as may appear fit, to prepare epistles of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Mercy K. King, Lydia Wingdon, Ruth K. Gifford, Christina Macy, Rachel W. Nichols, Emilia A. Dodge, Lydia Jones, Victoria H. Waitland, Cynthia Brown, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mary E. Reed, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Anna J. Wood, Eliza Howard, Mary A. Smith, Ruth H. Baker, Maria G. Oliver, Clark J. Tracy, Lucy J. Hawkes, Deborah King, Dorcas H. Jackson, Lois Keene, Mary B. Mumford, Hannah H. Meader, Elizabeth Price, Ruth Ellen Jones, Deborah H. Rogers, Ann H. Dunbar, Hannah G. Burgess, Ann B. Gaile, Clark Shad, Hannah Morell and Sarah Sampson.

We appoint Elizabeth A. Osborne, Hannah Morell, Wesley P. Wood, Mary A. Smith, Ruth K. Gifford, Rachel W. Nichols and Mercy K. King to prepare a summary of the answers to present to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this meeting to concur upon the subject of Clerks and report this afternoon.

It is adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Second day afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah J. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Keyce, for assistant Clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Hearing at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends David Lindsey of Great Britain, - satisfactory certificates from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Bradford, in the County of York, England the 6th of 3d month 1857, the Quarterly Meeting of York held at Leeds on the 25th and 26th of 3d month 1857, and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, on the 18th, 19th and 20th of the 5th month 1857, were read expressive of the unity of those Meetings with him as a Gospel Minister and his present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of an beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, who accompanies her husband in religious service amongst us, who has produced satisfactory certificates from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Leeds the 19th of 6th month 1857, the Quarterly Meeting of York held 24th of 6th month 1857, and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London,

the 13th of the 7th month 1857, all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Thomas Fraiser from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa, Joel Bear from Old Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa, and Mary T. Meader from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, who have presented certificates from their respective Meetings, which have been read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagement.

Our beloved friend John H. Bond, who accompanies our friend Thomas Fraiser, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Poplar Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Indiana.

We have voted with men Friends in adopting the following minute, viz:

This Meeting being informed by the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that a Minister, belonging to this Meeting, has a concern to pay a religious visit in a remote part of the Country, the State of California, and that he is desirous of laying this concern before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in order that so important an engagement may receive the most careful and weighty deliberation of the Church; this Meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to receive any communication in relation to his concern which the friend may see fit to make, and to act officially thereon, in the same manner provided for by Discipline, "when the concern extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The minutes of last year have been read.

We adjourn to the time men Friends may meet to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, met near the 10th hour.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society by reading the Queries and the answers received from the several Quarterly Meetings.

The deficiencies that are recorded in the answers to the queries from the several Quarterly Meetings, have, as in former years, called forth the expression of deep concern, and much timely counsel has been extended. We have been afresh reminded of the necessity of attending our religious meetings that it is our great and solemn duty to present ourselves before the God. You are not the assembling of yourselves together, says the exhortation of an apostle of the blessed Redeemer, and also that we should present our bodies alive offering sacrifice before Him, which is our reasonable service. If things have their proper place, best things will be most prominent with us, and we shall be concerned to render unto God that worship which is his due;

and though discouragements may arise, still, as our hearts are given up to serve Him, who created us for his own glory, we shall feel it a blessed privilege to retire from the engrossing scenes of life, and, strutting out, as far as possible, the world and its many cares, wait in retirement of spirit before the Lord. As this is our concern, we believe that He will condescend to be very near to us, enriching our hearts with his love and peace.

The importance of love and unity, and the cultivation of that charity which thinketh no evil, but suffereth long and is kind was sweetly brought to view, and we were encouraged to cherish these feelings towards one another, to live in that love which God hath shed abroad in our hearts through Christ Jesus, in which love nothing is able to separate us from Him.

A^d concern has been expressed at this time, as the deficiencies in the answers to some of the queries have been spread before us, that so little mention was made of "care having been taken"; and those holding the responsible and important appointment of overseers, have been earnestly advised faithfully to labor, in a spirit of love and in the meekness of wisdom, to convince the judgment of our members individually, of the necessity of their coming up in practice to our Christian principles and profession, that the precious testimonies which the truth has given to bear, may be maintained.

Mothers have been tenderly exhorted early to instill into the minds of their children, the first principles of religion; to seek to bring them to the Saviour; and in order to do this, we must enter into a close examination of ourselves, and strive, first of all, to have our hearts right in His sight, that as we can of ourselves do nothing, we may availingly ask help of Him. It is a great responsibility rightly to train these precious lambs whom God has given us, and to fit them, with His blessing, for this life, and for the life which is to come. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether thou shalt prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good;" and though we may not see the answer which we would desire, yet we have the evidence that our heavenly Father is a God hearing prayer, and that he will in his own time bless, if we faint not.

Mothers have been advised to pass a little time with their beloved children when they are about to retire to rest for the night; encouraging them to a review of the occurrences of the day, and interceding for His assistance and His blessing for the time to come, who alone can preserve us, both when we wake and when we sleep.

The subject of frequenting places of public amusement, has been feelingly

accorded to, and a few have been reported that some were in the practice of attending these places, who might feel that they had not time to attend the religious meetings; and we have been admonished not to waste the precious moments, which are ever in the wing, in vain and trifling amusements.

Friends and their rising young persons consider their care, have been intended to restrain them as much as possible from unprofitable reading, which is so abundant in the present day, and which has a tendency to draw the mind from the enjoyment of substantial truths, and to accustom them to the frequent and diligent reading of the sacred writings, which, through divine goodness, are given us for our instruction in rightness; "that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

The following is a Summary of the Answers received, viz:

1stly. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members, (except 15 omitted mostly on account of sickness and inclement weather, and one small meeting omitted a few times and no reason given,) yet a want of engagement is apparent with some, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, on which account some care has been extended. The sum is generally observed. Mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour.

2dly. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by the most of our members, and detraction generally guarded against; we know of no differences except in one Meeting, where some care has been taken.

3dly. We believe there is a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading profane books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples herein themselves, yet deficiencies exist amongst us in these respects. We trust the Holy scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4thly. Careful to support our testimonies in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort.

5thly. Care is taken to relieve the necessities of the poor. Friends children in late of learning, and none are placed from among Friends that we know of.

6thly. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are unusually careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet several instances have occurred of marrying contrary to the order of our Society. Some care taken.

7thly. Our testimonies are generally maintained in regard to the several parts of this query.

8thly. Friends are generally equal to inspect their affairs and settle

their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

gthly. Quakers to records except in one meeting. Some deficiency with regard to certificates. Some care taken.

10th. We think Friends have endeavored to deal with offenders as required, and to place judgment, when necessary, in the authority of bulk according to discipline. The account states there is some deficiency in regard to timely dealing.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon, met near the 4th house.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, which is follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee for the superintendence of the Boarding school at Providence, have given them attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught and imparted in a manner acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the Schoolhouse, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally been seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the School, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be influenced in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling

and those to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.
The medical during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Orland, and his wife Estimae W. Orland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John T. Howell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Dodge, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Clitter, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alpheus French, as teacher of French and German. Mary E. Clitter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline H. Pinkham of Needlework, and Samuel T. Butterworth as teacher of the English branches was employed in addition in the winter term.

All the class of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the convenience and advantages of the school, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develop and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school has also been made consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there; - thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well wrought and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund	\$ 257 50
Due the treasurer at this time	<u>97 50</u>
Charges on the Fund.	\$ 355
(Due the treasurer last year)	\$ 75
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each)	<u>280</u>
	<u>\$ 355</u>

The income of this fund (to present year) is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to Mr. T. S. Storer is deducted, there will remain \$160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving \$120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

General Fund.

Receipts from income of the School Fund	\$ 5,892.84
Payments,-	
Life Insurance Premium	\$ 100
Interest	183.07
Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	\$ 2,795.95

Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of \$365 2430.95
to Joseph Hartland, on contract
\$3000
\$5,779.02
113.82

Leaving a surplus of which applied to the indebtedness reported last year; at \$2,285.69, leaves the present indebtedness \$2,171.87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commerce and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars professing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be recognized by the School Committee,

in order for admission."

It is very reluctantly that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be
entirely complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such
compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and
concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
Accordance, 5th month, 10th, 1859 Stephen C. Chase, Clerk.

We do appoint the following Friends to propose names for a committee to unite
with one appointed by men Friends in having a care of the school for the
ensuing year; viz: Anna T. Dennis, Sarah Slade, Berlak H. Rogers, Lois
Kendall, Betsey A. Wood, Lydia Congdon, Lydia W. Jones, Jane Pope, Elizabeth A.
Robins, Mary Garrison, Ann Jones, Rachel T. Nichols, Cynthia Jeffries, Hannah
G. Long, Lucy J. Hawks and Sarah S. Simpson.

The London printed epistle for 1858, has been read at this time, and we trust,
it has been to our edification and instruction.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day Morning met near the 10th hour.

The friends appointed to propose names for a school committee, presented the
following, viz: Elizabeth Meader, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Taber, Ann Elmira Lang,
Eliza B. Joyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia W. Jones, Orcas T. Tucker, Rachel A.
Witland, Sarah J. Simpson, Ann B. Earle and Anna D. Dennis.

Lively and interesting memorials from South Kingston Monthly Meeting,
approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends
Henry A. Robinson and Mary A. Collins have been read to our satisfaction.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon

Afternoon, met near the fourth hour.

A lively and interesting memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting,
approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend
Nannah J. Taber, and one from China Monthly Meeting, approved by
Woburn Quarterly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Rachel
T. Jones have been read. These testimonials, with those which were read
at the last sitting concerning dear aged Friends who have long been as
it were in sleep, have brought their memories sweetly before us, and we
trust that their dedicated lives and Christian example may be remembered
with profit by us. We now make this record of those who are called gone
and to whom we deeply grieve the loss the Church has sustained, and

we are hourly impressed with the solemn truth, that life is passing rapidly away; that in a short time, and the alone, in whom is all knowledge, knoweth how short, - we too, who are here to day, shall be removed from these changing scenes, to enter upon the realities of an eternal world. May we then, individually, be avized incited by the example of these devoted servants, to seek to follow them, as they followed Christ.

The report of the Committee on Education has been acceptably read, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting,

The committee on education report that, from the answers received to inquiries forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the following statistical information has been compiled, which is believed to be very nearly correct, as far as it extends:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the

ages of 4 and 16 years	- -	926
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" between 16 and 21 years	- -	492.
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" of Monthly Meeting Schools	- - -	2
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" of Preparative Meeting Schools	- - -	2
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" of Family Schools	- - -	4
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" of children attending schools taught by Friends, or wholly under their control,	- - -	150.
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" attending mixed or promiscuous schools,	- - -	1031
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" taught by Friends in mixed schools,	- - -	235
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" of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught school the past year	- - -	108
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" of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends	- - - -	10
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" of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends	- - -	27
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Average continuance of these schools, want 0 months.

Number of children attending the same	- - -	621
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" of Friends' children attending the same	- - -	399
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While, from the circumstances of the case in connection with the situation of our members in many of these scattered locations, it will continue to be difficult to provide for the education of our children in school schools, we think, warranted in believing, that a deep interest is felt by many among us upon the important subject, and this interest for the guidance

interesting instruction of our youth is, we apprehend, strong, and surely increasing. Our meetings held upon this island, for a free interchange of sentiment upon the subject of an appointment, are largely attended, and are, we doubt not, productive of good.

Although the number of children reported as in the attendance of schools wholly under our control, is still small, it will be observed that the proportion is greater than last year.

Appended to the account from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, is a report of Park Grove Seminary, which continues, we are informed, in successful operation, under the charge of Albert K. Smiley, as principal, aided by a male and female assistant. The average attendance of pupils at this school has been 70, of whom about one-half were members of our Society. In this institution, instruction is given in the common English and most of the higher English branches, in mathematics, and the Latin and Greek languages; and examinations, which have been attended by a number of the Committee on education in the neighborhood, are reported as highly satisfactory.

An interesting feature in the returns now presented, is exhibited in the very considerable number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year, while the number of our youth, who are under their tuition, forms no inconsiderable proportion of the whole. We would encourage these instructors to diligence and faithfulness in the arduous and responsible profession which they have chosen, not only in imparting a literary education to those under their control, but in a corrective care over their own spirits, and an earnest desire that they may be instrumental in training their tender charge to a life of morality and virtue.

Five additional First Day Schools are reported this year; and the returns inform that two more schools of this kind are about being established.

Although a number of Friends' children are reported as receiving the benefits of seminarial instruction at home, we have reason to believe, that in several neighborhoods, First Day Schools might be established and maintained with great benefit; as some of the Monthly Meetings still report no school of this character within their limits. We are feelingly anxious that Friends, throughout our borders, should be alive to the great importance of instructing their children in a knowledge of the Holy Scripture, embracing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

For the committee,

Henry T. Wood, Clerk."

Newport, 6th month, 15, 1859. "

and we appoint the friends, who served last year, to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in giving attention to this interesting subject, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

Our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, having no prospect of again attending this Yearly Meeting, in the course of her religious visit in this land, will appoint Susan W. Anthony, Lydia Congdon and Mary K. Wong to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in preparing a suitable returning certificate for our dear friend - and for those who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet to-morrow.

5th day afternoon, met near the 4th hour.

The Representatives being called are present, who answered to their names at the first sitting, except five.

Epistles of apostles to our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Hartime, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

A returning certificate for our beloved friend, Sarah Lindsey, has been read, approved and signed; and is as follows, viz:

To Brighthouse &c Co Meeting - Cork Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London -

Dear Friends - Our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, who accompanied her husband Robert Lindsey in his religious engagement in this land, has attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your respective Meetings, expressive of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and in the present service in which she is engaged - Her company and labors of love have been very acceptable to us, and in parting with our dear sister, we fervently commend her to the preserving care of the omniscient Shepherd of Israel, desiring that, if consistent with the divine will, she, with her dear husband, after having faithfully discharged the Gospel service required of them in a distant land, may be restored in safety and peace to her family and friends.

Rectifying minute for our dear friend Mary S. Webster has been read, approved and signed.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them with transcripts of Epistles received, from the several Yearly Meetings to our respective

Quarterly Meetings.

Having disposed of the various important concerns of the Church, which have claimed our attention, in great harmony and Christian unity; under a sense of the mercy that has been extended to us, from season to season, during the different sessions of this Meeting, with reverent and grateful hearts we now separate in love, suspending to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

Epistles.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In the love of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the spirit, we offer you our affectionate salutation at this time, and while we renewedly feel our inability, in our own strength, for this service, or any other, in His Church, our faith is strengthened in the wish that divine help is graciously afforded, when we rightly seek and wait for it.

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been received and read, at this time, to the comfort and edification of many hearts, and we have again, as in former times, rejoiced in believing that this epistolary intercourse has been a means, under the Divine blessing, of cementing more closely, from year to year, the bonds of Christian fellowship, which unite us together, though widely separated, in the one tipped faith of our only Lord and Saviour.

This our annual assembly has been large, and while our hearts have been joined in noticing the many places made vacant by the removal of sisters in Israel, we have been comforted by the presence of a considerable number of dear young Friends, whose serious deportment and attentive interest as the important concerns of Society have been brought before us,

Lord, not to believe that they are yielding themselves to the sweet influences of Divine grace on their hearts, and that they are under the forming Hand for usefulness in the Church, and becoming prepared to receive the jalling-mantles of those, who, having finished their course, have, we reverently believe, been gathered to their eternal rest.

The infinite love of our Heavenly Father to us, his unworthy children, has been largely manifested during the several sittings of this Meeting, and the gospel of our blessed Saviour has been declared in a measure of its ancient simplicity, purity and beauty. We have been earnestly invited to avail ourselves of the appointed means of Divine Grace. The attendance of our religious meetings has been much increased upon us. In all ages God has been pleased to bless the services of his sanctuary, and there to make himself known to his waiting servants. The language of the Royal Psalmist has been brought to our remembrance, namely, "My soul thirsteth for thee & to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary", and we have been reminded of several exhortations of our apostle, which teach us not to forsake the assembling yourselves together, and to present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God, all clearly indicating the institution of public worship to be of Divine appointment. The reading of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer that they may be opened to our understanding and sanctified to our hearts, and more than all the practice of frequent, earnest and trustful prayer, are so indispensable, that if neglected, we can scarcely hope to make progress in the knowledge of God and of his dear Son, whom to know is life eternal. Dear Young Sisters, let us entreat you to seek this knowledge - to embrace the offers of redeeming love, whose tender invitations recommend themselves to your susceptible hearts.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our dear friends Robert and Elizabeth Lindsey from your land and of other dear friends, from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel services have been very acceptable and edifying to us. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

We lament with you that the continent of Europe is again involved in the conflict of war, at a time, when we had hoped that the teachings of Prince of Peace were beginning to enlighten and influence both Rulers and Subjects. On our part, we are still called to walk by faith and not by sight, in view of the continued oppression of the unfortunate children of bondage. The warning language of God by his Providence seems to be,

"What I do thou knowest not now; but ^{then} I shall know hereafter" say your prayers ascend with ours to the Father of mercies that "he will hasten the day, when all wars and oppression shall cease, and the kingdom of his dear Son be established in the earth. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate sisters.

Moved by direction and on behalf of the following

Sarah F. Hobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

"Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart," but it is indeed under a sense of weakness and abounding infirmity, that we, while engaged at this time, to address you, feel our entire inability of ourselves to do any good thing. "Without me ye can do nothing," said our Saviour; and until his blessing rest upon and accompany all our efforts to promote his cause, rain will be our endeavor.

We have once more been permitted to meet together at our annual Convocation, and as the multiplied blessings and mercies which have marked the last year are brought to our remembrance, our hearts are humbled under a sense of deep unrighteousness and increased accountability, and fervent are our petitions, that renewed dedication, a more perfect and entire surrender of heart to Him whose we are, and whom we desire to serve, may be our chief experience.

To the young the word of exhortation has touchingly gone forth; and they have been tenderly invited to come to Christ, the source, and fountain of all our blessings, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And as his will is made manifest in the secret of the heart, even though it call for the sacrifice of little things, if through his assistance the cross is cheerfully borne, ability will be given to make greater sacrifices, and they will be enabled to go on from strength to strength, and bringing forth the fruits of the spirit in their daily life, will glorify their Father who is in heaven. How small they know if they follow on to know the Lord; his going & it is recorded on the margin; and he shall come unto them as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

With a sense of committal the care of the border counties of the

field, have been entreated to watch prayerfully over their own spirits, to seek first to have their own hearts purified and cleansed, and daily waiting upon Him who is able to supply all their need, they will be qualified to administer words of counsel or reproof, in the right way and time, which will, in due season, have a blessed and lasting effect.

Our hearts turn with sorrow to the prospect of a desolating war on the continent of Europe. May you, dear sisters, be preserved in the quiet habitation, diligently improving every opportunity for inculcating the principles of peace in the minds of your children and of those around you; and may we all seek for ability to pray for the coming of that day, when war shall cease unto the end of the earth, and the dominion of the Prince of Peace be extended from sea to sea.

We have at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from England. Their company and labors of love amongst us, as well as those ^{of friends} from neighboring Yearly Meetings, have had a sweet and encouraging influence.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah J. Foster Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In coming together at the place of our annual gathering, our hearts have been contrite in humble acknowledgment, that, truly, the Lord is good unto Israel, "He is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart" and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Unspeckably precious is the covering of His spirit, infusing into our hearts the cementing influence of His love, whereby a qualification is known for the performance of that pure spiritual worship the Father approveth. In a measure of the feeling of comfort wherewith our hearts have been comforted of God we salute you, dear sisters, and offer the salutation of "God speed" on the heavenward journey.

The reading of your kind epistle, of last year, together with others from different Yearly Meetings, has been animating and encouraging to us, evidencing that we are a united people, acknowledging "One Lord, one faith, one baptism", and under a sense of the need of saving help, we feel that it is all of mercy, pure, unmerited mercy, that the spirit of awaiting supplication has been placed forth, inducing fresh and devout

aspirations for the continuance of the Divine blessing. Now therefore,
"Come we bid, into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy
priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy."
It can respond to the language of your epistle, that, though the way to
the kingdom be narrow, yet, in it the Christian traveller finds safety
and true enjoyment.

The privileges of the Gospel furnish abiding consolation to the be-
liever. Though oft in trouble and perplexity, and sometimes cast down,
he has a "High Priest, to whom he has constant access, who is touched
with a feeling of his infirmities and sorrows, whose sympathies are always
his, who is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and is mighty
and able to save all who come unto God by him.

The Lord's people have ever been a cross-bearing people, but have in
reserve a heavenly crown to cheer them on; and by the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, "having hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience," are prepared
to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our
lips giving thanks to His name).

(Deep hath been the exercise, prevalent in this Meeting on account
of the many deficiencies existing among us, as marked by the answers to the
queries. Much Christian admonition and affectionate counsel have been
imparted, calculated to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance, and
warn the negligent to greater diligence. Mothers have been encouraged in
the work of training their beloved offspring, to seek for themselves a prepara-
tion of heart, to sow good seed in the hearts of the children, and by a right
spirit, in meekness and gentleness, to cherish the same with prayerful interest,
endeavouring to bring the precious charge to the Saviour.

May the Lord of the harvest keep the labour of the labourers every where,
causing an increase of Heavenly good amongst us, tending to the honour of
His blessed name and the spread of his glorious cause upon the earth.

With the salutation of love, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah F. Jobey, Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is our privilege, again to be convened in a Yearly Meeting
capacity, for the purpose of attending to the important concerns of Society, which
through divine favor we have been permitted to do in much harmony and

love. Your sisterly epistle of last year, together with those in other Yearly Meetings, has been as a cordial to our feelings, strengthening in our minds the conviction that the language of the true church is the same everywhere?

We have been humbled in view of the deficiencies presented through the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, which have caused much exercise and salutary counsel from the livingly concerned. Mothers have been admonished to watch over their own spirits; and for the proper discharge of their parental duties, to seek ability of Him who giveth liberally to all who ask in true faith. They have been encouraged to embrace every right opening, to read to them from the Holy scriptures, and to direct their tender minds to the love of the glorious. The younger members of Society have been most affectionately appealed to, to give up to the convictions of duty, and make a full surrender of their hearts and affections, in order to purchase that peace of mind, which is the pearl of great price.

Many of us came up to this our annual assembly under great discouragements, but thanks be to our heavenly Father, we have been cared for, and protected as by the covering of his good spirit, which is as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

We have at this time, the very acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from England, and of several ministering friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been truly edifying and encouraging. It is cause of heart-felt gratitude that the Father of mercies graciously condescends to qualify and to send his servants amongst us, enabling them, through the might of His power, to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through Him who laid down his life for us. May the mental eye be kept single, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of the saints' faith, that by a ready obedience to his will, we may be permitted to inherit the promises.

Let us not be unmindful of the many unmerited blessings bestowed upon us by our merciful benefactor. While war and bloodshed are raging among the nations of the earth, and devastating all in their train, we are permitted to dwell in peace.

The subject of slavery so feebly alluded to, in your epistle, continues to claim our attention, and our sympathy both for the oppressed, and for those who are situated in their midst.

Although we are more remote from the awful scenes of slavery and of

we may not be indifferent to the sufferings, both physical and moral, attendant on these great national evils; and may we be enabled to intercede that our Father who is in heaven may be pleased to hasten the coming of that glorious day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more, and ~~when~~ he shall be pleased to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free.

With the salutation of love, we commend your affectionate sisters.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Although widely separated, and few of us personally known to each other, you are still beloved friends, brought very near to us, at the present time, in Christian love and sympathy. The reading of your truly acceptable epistle of 9th Mo. last, has afforded us much comfort and encouragement, and we have felt renewedly impelled with the value of such a correspondence, prompted by mutual love, and sisterly interest.

Gathered now in our annual assembly, we are led gratefully to acknowledge that the canopy of Ancient Goodness has been spread over us, enabling us in sweet harmony to transact the business of society.

The company and excellent counsel of our dear friends Robert and Sarah Sinden from England, and of other dear friends from different parts of this continent, we esteem as among our numerous blessings. How bright the example of those who, through the constraining love of Christ, are made willing to resign their earthly all, to engage in His service, and bear the glad tidings of the Gospel into the remote corners of the world!

While considering the state of Society many minds have been introduced into exercise in view of the various deficiencies reported. The neglect apparent in the attendance of meetings, and the loss thus sustained have been feelingly deplored, and we have been exhorted to a more faithful performance of this important duty, to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is an reasonable service.

We have also been encouraged to cultivate that charity, which "difficult long and is kind," believing that as the mind becomes thoroughly imbued with this virtue, the spirit of contention will yield to that of love and unity.

The responsible duties devolving upon brothers, and those entrusted

with the care of training the young, have claimed our peculiar attention, and we have feared that some may not be sufficiently aware how early permanent impressions, either for good or evil, may be made upon the tender mind of infancy. Who can estimate the influence exerted by a pious mother over the heart of her child? Lessons pure and holy may be instilled, which will prove as a shield amid the temptations of later years. Let the devoted mother follow her child to its bed-chamber, and there, in the gentle accents of affection, read from the sacred page of a Savior's love, and while she would teach the importance of reviewing the thoughts, words and actions of the day, may she also feel to teach

"Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours;
And ask them what report they bore to heaven;
And how they might have borne more welcome news."

We have also deeply felt the importance which attaches to the office of a Teacher, and would entreat all, both with you and us, engaged in this interesting field of labor, to remember that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps;" and that we should rely upon heavenly guidance if we would direct the steps of others.

The sound of war, of a war, which is devastating the plains of Europe, comes to us across the waters, and fervently do our prayers ascend to the Almighty, with those of true Christians in every land, that he may subdue the animosity of nations, and bid the strife of armis cease.

And now, dear sisters, earnestly desiring that we may all, as individuals, seek to know, and perform our various duties acceptably in the Divine sight, and thus be qualified to promote the best interests of our beloved society, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Hobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Through the tender mercies of our heavenly Father, we have been again permitted to come up to this our annual assembly, and have been afresh reminded of the declaration of our blessed Lord and Saviour on a solemn fast day when he stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink"; and few will have been unprayed that we may be so wise as to accept this gracious invitation and become partakers of the precious promise that "whoever drinketh of the water that I shall

give him shall never thirst."

We sincerely acknowledge that the presence of our divine Master has been eminently felt in our midst, refreshing and uniting our hearts together in Zion, and in the words of the Psalmist of Israel we may inquire each for himself "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" May we, who are the recipients of so many of the unchangeable promises of our blessed Redeemer, prove faithful unto death, that we may receive a crown of life.

We acknowledge with thankfulness the reception of your acceptable epistle. The reading of which has awakened a cheerful response in our hearts, savouring, as it does, of the sweet language of the spirit unto the church. How endearing and enlivening are these interchanges of feeling concerning the joys and sorrows that await the Christian on his pilgrimage to the city of the saints solemnities; they strengthen the bonds of discipleship and unite us to our distant friends in heavenly communion, and are indeed fresh mementos of Him, who breathed forth the spirit of his gospel in the gracious command "That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

We are renewedly blessed at this time with the company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsay from England, as well as other gospel messengers from various parts of our own land. With deep thankfulness, we testify that the glad tidings of the gospel have been proclaimed amongst us. May we dear sisters, be encouraged to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. We believe it to be a day of renewed visitation to every clasp amongst us. The aged mothers, who still linger on this side Jordan, have been enabled once more to put on the garment of praise, and to realize that He, who was their morning light, is now their evening song. We highly value their counsels, as well as the influence of their devotional spirit, in our weighty deliberations. They most affectionately exhort our younger sisters to yield to the gracious invitation of their blessed Savior to follow Him in the way of his requirements, thus bringing to his altar a morning sacrifice, which is so acceptable in His holy sight.

You desire for an answer on behalf of the oppressed sons of Africa, and a hearty response. We would seek for ability to plead for them at the throne of mercy. We also feel a deep sympathy for you in the trials and sufferings incident to your locality. Be encouraged dear sisters in the assurance of a blessed answer to your earnest petitions.

in a time, we trust, not far distant, when the voice of the prophet shall cease in our land, and Ethiopia more abundantly stretch out her hand unto God.

Finally, Beloved Sisters, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace - and bid you an affectionate farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah F. May Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In reading your acceptable epistle of yester mo. last, our minds were brought under a feeling of gospel love, for the advancement of the soul's best interest in every good word and work - dwelling in that arm that can free us as in heights and in depths - enabling us to feel an dependence on that power on which we may lean and walk safely. It would encourage one another to trust in the Lord with all our hearts; for in Him we find all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. By this appearance we are brought to feel that the joy of God's salvation is given equally to all that believe in His name in humble faith and confidence. May the work of righteousness which is soon in peace to them that make peace, yield the fruits of the spirit, which, we trust, will more and more abound among us. Then we consider that the Christian traveller, at times, is encompassed with many fears from within and without - may we in these conflicts so abide under that reverent waiting upon our heavenly Guide, that we offer an acceptable offering in righteousness.

This meeting has been brought under a lively concern that the beloved youth might come to an understanding to commence the Christian warfare at the right end, making sure the foundation on that rock which cannot be shaken - Christ Jesus our hope of salvation - the progress would then be onward and upward to the joy and gladness of themselves, and their dear sisters, whose concern not only rested with the tender youth, but on the mothers also that they might instill into the minds of their children the principles of the ever-blessed truth, which we feel applicable to you, as well as to us. We gratefully acknowledge that the sittings of this meeting have been opened by the Shepherd of Israel, who has been graciously pleased to manifest Himself in blessing and breaking bread to the hungry soul. We feel to mingle with you in the satisfactory report of the Committee of your Training School and trust that the anticipated results will be more

gently walked in the constitution, by infusing that knowledge, which, we believe will establish in the minds of the beloved youth the principles of Truth and Righteousness, which will be as a hedge about them, that will preserve in all the slippery paths of life.

We have had at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from Great Britain, whose gospel labours amongst us, have been as a rock by the way, refreshing and comforting the humble travellers Zion-ward. We have also with us, other dear friends, from neighbouring Yearly Meetings whose company and zealous services have been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Finally, beloved sisters, farewell! May the God of peace be with you and us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Gibey Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Although we have received no Epistle from you at this time, which is cause of regret, as we believe that this interchange of pure gospel greeting is as a savour of life unto life, still we feel drawn towards you our beloved distant sisters, in a measure of that unfeigned love which wishes well to all, and extends to the whole household of faith - and desires have arisen that your recent establishment in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting may prove to be for the honor and glory of God, and the advancement of His righteous cause.

Our present Yearly Meeting has been largely attended, and much weighty counsel has been given. Mothers have been invited to more faithfully in training the tender Lambs committed to their care, - and the younger members have been exhorted to yield themselves wholly and unreservedly to the influences of Divine grace upon the heart, which will make them useful in the militant Church, and prepare them to take the places of those who may soon be called to swell the cloud of witnesses at the right hand of God.

In the accounts from our subordinate meetings, we have been deeply exercised on account of the many deficiencies amongst us, and earnest desires have been expressed that we may exercise over each other mutual brotherly and at the same time experience that "Charity," which "doth long and is kind," which "rejoiceth not in iniquity,"

"but rejoice in the truth." Friends have been loudly exhorted to greater diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings, and to seek, when thus assembled, to draw near unto God, believing that we shall realize, at these seasons, as we are thus concerned, that He will be graciously pleased to draw near unto us, and strengthen and sustain us with the water and bread of life.

We sensibly feel that the subject of Slavery should claim a deep and abiding interest in our minds, and let us, dear friends, continue to bear the subject on our hearts before the Lord; and in this watchful, waiting State, seek to know His will, to embrace every right opening, however small it may appear, for the amelioration of the condition of this deeply injured people. Let us not be disengaged, remembering that he who is faithful in the little, shall be made ruler over more.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our dear friends Ebenezer and Sarah Lindsey from Great Britain, together with others from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging to us, affording an evidence that the Lord is minister of His heritage.

With desires for your prosperity, and preservation in the ever blessed truth, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by
Sarah G. Jobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Society Friends for
the England, held on Rhode Island, commencing
with public meetings for worship at Newport and
Providence, on first day the 10th and for discipline
at Newport on second day morning, the 11th of
the Month 1860.

In the Reports received from our Quarterly
Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have
been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz
from Rhode Island, Elizabeth Pochham, Lydia
Gould, Sarah J. Tobey, Mary A. Smith
Ruth B. Gifford, Ruth B. Buffinton,
Anna Howland, Hannah C. Robinson,
Cynthia Bowen and Amos Wilbur.
Salem, Elizabeth Gove, Ann Ken, Olivia C.
Oliver, Mary Nichols, Mary E. Breed,
Elizabeth Paige, Orinda Buxton and
Ruth D. Paige.
Sandwich, Mary Gifford, Christina, Mary, Mercy
K. Wing, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Train
Rebe. R. Gifford, Mary G. Macomber,
Ruth Ann Shepherd, and Rebe. Haide.
Falmouth, Patience P. Winsor, Eunice F. Pick
Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Ruth B. Brew,
Hannah A. Pope and Mary W. Jones.
Smithfield, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann K.
Colton, Ruth M. Batter, Lucy G. Payson,
Mercy Ann Wing, Sarah P. Wheeler, and
Mary R. Caldwell.
Warren, Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah R.
Taber, Lucy W. Vining, Anna Gates, Susan
Hannah T. Jenkins, Sarah Ellen Jones, Susan
Hussey, Lydia P. Fry and Fiza Jones.
Pawtucket, Matilda U. Bangs, Rebecca Jane Harry
Hannah Cornill, Hannah G. Ganzier, Hannah
T. Under and Sarah B. Roberts.

From Fairfield - Hannah Pope, Patrina O'Conor,
Lucy J. Hanke, Lavinia C. Briggs, Betsy F.
Bailey, Cathia F. Jones, and Sarah Thompson,
who are all present.

By the report from the Quarterly Meeting, it
appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
has united with Rhode Island Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of George Anthony
and Ruth Anthony to the station of Elders, with
Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Joseph Garland, and with South Kingston
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary D.
Collins to the same station. That Sandwick Quar-
terly Meeting has united with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Eliza C. Davis and
Anna G. Monds to the station of Elders, also with
Sandwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Rebecca A. Gifford to the same station, and that
Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwick
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Naomi P.
Way to the station of Elder, and with Dover
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob K.
Purinton to the same station.

Interesting Epistles from our sisters of London,
Dufflin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio,
Indiana and Western Monthly Meetings have been
read, and their salutations as in former days
are comforting and encouraging to us and we
appoint the following friends to consider the
subject and as may may open for it to prepare
ways of safely to present to a future sitting of
the Meeting - Anna G. Monds, Phoebe R. Gifford,
Mary K. Way, Dorcas F. Tucker, Ruth H. Baker,
Lucy J. Hanke, Anna T. Dennis, Lydia Congdon,
Sarah Kimball, Sibyl Jones, Lois Keene, Lydia J.
Fry, Rachel S. Kimball, Sarah T. Thompson, Eunice
F. Rich, Mary A. Jones, Rachel B. Holder, Eunice
B. Boyce, Elizabeth Peckham, Rebecca C. Kinman

Urbana H. Hanson, Elizabeth Gove, Sarah F. Tobey,
Ezra A. Taber, Mary B. Parnum, Hannah G. Sawyer,
Ruth L. Price, Sarah B. Roberts, Jane C. Minot Abby
Ankball and Olivia C. Oliver.

We appoint Mary Gifford, Mary A. Smith, Sarah
C. Claffey, Anna Conland, Elizabeth A. Ostrom, Betsy
P. Ward, Betsy Aikin, Beulah M. Rogers and Ruth
Sawyer to prepare a summary from the answer to the
queries to present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at
the rise of the meeting to confer upon the subject
of Clerks and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.
Second day afternoon - met near the 14th hour.

The Rev. R. Gifford on behalf of the Representatives
reported, that they were united in proposing Sarah
F. Tobey for Clerk and Sarah H. Anthony, Assistant
Clerk, which being acceptable to the meeting, they
are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our
beloved friends Thomas Frazier of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa;
Lindsey M. Hoag of Rocksylvania Monthly Meeting, Iowa;
Jeremiah A. Kinnell of Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana;
Samuel Lloyd of Hoot Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio;
Joseph Kaviland of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, New York;
Huddah Atwater of Eastland Monthly Meeting, New York;
Naomi Coffin of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana;
Edith Griffith of Goodstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania;
Mary B. Pirkham of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Julia
Ann McLain of Westland Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and
Sarah L. Dry of Marlboro Monthly Meeting, New York -
Certificates from their respective meetings, expressing
unity with them as ministers and with their present
religious engagements now presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved
friends Elias Coffin, who accompanies his wife, Asa
Williams, companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd, Lydia
A. the elder, companion to our friend Huddah Atwater,

Thomas Welland accompanying his wife Julia Amelie
Elaines and Lydia Stanley accompanying our friend
Edith Griffith and John C. Hill of Short Creek
Monthly Meeting Ohio, who presented satisfactory tes-
timonials from their respective meetings expressive
of unity with them as Elders and with their
present engagement. We have likewise the accept-
able company of our beloved friend William E.
Morris, companion to our friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell,
Lindley H. and Mary A. Lewis, accompanying our
friend Hannah J. Key, and Thomas E. Pinkham,
accompanying his mother Mary B. Pinkham, and
satisfactory minutes from their Monthly Meetings
have been presented and read, expressive of unity
with them as members of our religious society and
with their present engagement.

We have in attendance at this time several other
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose
company is truly acceptable to us.

And we have felt it indeed a privilege to have
with us yet once more in our Annual gathering,
dear aged sisters of our own Yearly Meeting -
Mothers in Israel - whose earthly pilgrimage is
well nigh run, but the influence of whose spirits,
whose prayers and whose aspirations, have descended
as sweet incense upon us. May the Lord,
 whom they have been concerned faithfully to serve,
 continue to be unto these, his devoted servants, a
 strong arm to lean upon, even to the end.

The minutes of last year have been read.

We adjourn to ten o'clock tomorrow morning

Third day morning the 12th Met agreeably to ad-
journment.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee
was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:
"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding

Find at Providence, report:

That in the summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty six females; and for the winter term, one hundred and twenty seven scholars; ninety-two male and eighty females. And with few exceptions, arising from ill-health or other causes, they attended through those terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz. In the summer term John F. Lowell, Samuel T. Salterthraite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame in the English Branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Romant in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed with the exception of Samuel T. Salterthraite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics Henry L. Penhram was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Mayfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the first month, we thought it right to place on our records the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellency of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in the dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who knoweth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of stud; recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma is- sued by w^{ch} she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to w^{ch}, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trial of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavement; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house.

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The deportment of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship, have been held, as heretofore, in the school-hous^e on First-day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been

This is a man according with their solemn purpose.
They have been attended, with few exceptions, by mem-
ber of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part
of the regular exercises of the school, with the
purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the
contents of their invaluable writings, and im-
pressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars
having completed the full course of study, as
prescribed by the rules of the school, were pre-
sented with duly authenticated certificates or
diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be
given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited,
exhibit the following result for the last year:-

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund. -	\$165.00
Due the Treasurer at this time, -	<u>92.50</u>
	\$257.50

Charges on the Fund,

Due the Treasurer, last year,	\$97.50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each,	<u>160.00</u>
	\$257.50

General Fund.

Receipts from the income of the School Fund.	\$3,844.84
From a subscription	<u>50.00</u>
	\$3,894.84

Payments

Viv Insurance premium	\$165.00
Interest	<u>170.15</u>
Repairs and additions on School premises,	\$1541.13
To Joseph Cartland on contract	<u>3000.00</u>
	\$4876.78

Leaving a deficiency of

Which added to the indebtedness reported last year
of \$4,171.87, makes the present indebtedness \$3,153.81

The deficiency, above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from \$2000 to \$300 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$20 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.
Signed on behalf, and by direction of the School Committee,

Stephen A Chase, Clerk

Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1850.

and we appoint the following friends to unite with a similar committee of men friends in proposing to this meeting the names of a committee to have the care of the school for the ensuing year, viz. Anna T Dennis, Ruth B Buffinton, Olivia C Oliver, Mary C Reed, Henry R May, Phoebe R Gifford, Eunice J Rich, Lydia H Jones, Ann L Buffum, Phoebe J Marsh, Almira Fisher, Lydia P. May, Abigail M Hanson, Susan L Under, Hannah Pope, and Lucy A. Parker.

The reading of this report, in which mention is made of the death of our dear young friend, Mary S Hanson,

short but interesting life endared her to many, and when early death blighted many earthly hopes, he brought a feeling of deep solemnity over us, and we, with the more recent occurrences of illness and death which have taken place at the Boarding School, introduced us at this time into a feeling of deep sympathy for the bereaved. We earnestly hope that the removal in so sudden and unexpected a manner, of these dear young persons, in the early morning of their day, may impress us afresh with the uncertainty of life, and with our utter weakness and insufficiency to retain with us those we love, when the Lord seeth meet to call for them. Truly do we sympathize with those who are weeping as in the freshness of their grief - and with those, also, whose hearts may have been made to bleed anew at this time, by the opening afresh of less recent wounds. May then, and the honoring one of every class, bear in remembrance that we are mercifully permitted to bring all our cares and all our sorrows unto Jesus; that he is al[e] and willing, as we cry unto him, to succor, to sustain and to comfort under every affliction; and as he is pleased to sever, one by one, the tender cords that bind us here, let us, as we trust in him, strengthen those that bind us to the ransom'd in Heaven.

The clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting to present to a future sitting, to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon Met near the 1st hour.

Entered upon the consideration of the state of Society by reading the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings with a summary prepared therefrom and proceeded as far as the 3^d inclusive.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning Met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read and in this important engagement we have been made

thankful for the solemn covering that has been spread over us and the salutary counsel and caution imparted to us by faithful and qualified servants on account of the deficiencies that are apparent amongst us. The neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings has awakened a concern in many minds and we have been exhorted to greater faithfulness in the performance of this duty, which has its origin and its foundation in the eternal truth. He who is Head over all things to his church, designs not only that his people shall meet together, but he, in his mercy, condescends to meet with them agreeably to his declaration, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them;" - And as we are concerned rightly to assemble for the worship of God, his light will be made manifest, his power will be felt and his truth will reign over us, and we shall rejoice in the recurrence of these precious seasons, and be prepared to unite with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Our beloved young sisters, who are the joy of the present and the hope of the succeeding generations, have been entreated to give earnest heed to the things which concern their everlasting peace, - to give up now, in the morning of their day, to serve the Lord. "Ye must be born again," is an unchangeable truth. It is the declaration of Christ himself. The Lord our God is worthy of the sacrifice of our whole hearts; he will not accept a divided heart, but as we give ourselves up wholly to serve him, as we feel a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, his blessing will rest upon us and we shall be filled and shall experience the sweetness of that spirit in which we can make covenant with God, and realize that we are the objects of his love and care.

A spirit of love and unity is apparent in some of our meetings, which has brought an exercise over us at this time, and we have been encouraged to make a strict self-examination and to enquire, "Lord, is it I that has inspired another? is it I who cannot forgive one who has offended against me?" The love of Jesus alone can enable us to overcome the evil propensities of our nature. He taught his disciples formerly to pray to our Father in Heaven "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." He teaches the same in this day. And we have been tenderly exhorted to live in love one towards another - to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us; and to make it our object and Christian care, to seek to restore, and to save rather than to destroy, remembering the injunction of the Apostle, if one "be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

The practice of reading the Holy Scriptures has been much dwelt upon; believing, as we do, that they are our greatest outward help, that they were given by inspiration of God, and are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name."

The importance of collecting our families for the daily reading of these sacred truths has been urged upon us; not in a formal manner, but in reverent dependence, looking unto him who has the key of David, who openeth and none can shut, to be our great interpreter, believing that he will, in his matchless mercy, descend more and more to unfold these blessed truths to our understanding and to seal them upon our hearts. We believe these opportunities rightly entered into, would be owned of the Lord, and that the dear masters

as they sought unto him, would be favored at times to bow the knee in prayer, in the presence of their precious children, and that they would be refreshed together. Oh! it is a blessed privilege to pray. It is an unspeakable mercy that we are permitted to ask for help and preservation. When we feel poor and unworthy, incapable of doing anything for ourselves or for those we love, then how sweet to come to Jesus.

When our beloved children go from us, our sons and our daughters, to acquire an education, or to engage in the duties of life, and fears and anxieties arise on account of the temptations that may beset them way; then it is that the pious mother may know the comfort of true, fervent prayer, on their account. May we remember the injunction: "Pray without ceasing, and in all things give thanks."

The following is a summary of the answers received.
1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of several small meetings, omitted mostly on account of sickness and inclement weather, and generally by the greater part of our members, though a remissness is apparent in some, in the due attendance of our midweek meetings and those for Discipline. The hour nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping, except in a few instances. Almost clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

2^d. It appears from the answers that all are not sufficiently concerned to preserve law and unity and to guard against the spirit of detraction, when care has been extended, and also to end differences when they have arisen.

3^d. It appears there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt

conversation of the world, and to be exemplary herein themselves, while many are serious in the maintenance of our testimony in these respects. It appears that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th - Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort, where some care has been taken.

5th - The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning and none placed from among Friends.

6th - Friends appear to be generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline - yet there have been several instances of keeping company and marrying out of the order of our Society, where care has been extended.

7th - Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the several particulars of this query.

8th - Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th - Clear in regard to records, several removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th - Friends endeavor to deal with offenders, according to the requisition of this query, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline, though not always without delay.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock.

Afternoon - met near the 4th hour.

The London General Epistle of 1857 has been acceptably read, and we desire that the caution, the counsel and the encouragement it contains may be alike remembered with profit to all.

A telegram from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, addressed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Franklin Greene, has been read.

The memory of the Just is blessed. In marking the upright and dedicated walk of this servant and disciple of Christ thro' a long life, may we remember that it was faithfulness to manifested duty and a steadfast adherence to the paintings of truth, through divine grace that made him what he was. He gave his heart to God, and the pure and gentle teachings of his spirit descended upon it like summer rain, and heavenly love cast out earth's fear, with all its shadowy train.

We have united with our friends in accepting the following minute from the Meeting for Sufferings,
viz:

"When a minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In case requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline: and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the

perfect towards to Europe or beyond sea.

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our mighty and solemn consideration and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this mighty work."

Mary E. Brad, Lydia Congdon and Rachel S. Homland are appointed to prepare returning minutes for our friends who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon - Met near the 4th hour.

The representatives being called are present except two. The Committee appointed to propose names for a Scheme Committee presented the following, which are acceptable to the meeting and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year: viz: Susan Homland, Sarah F. Tolley, Eliza B. Boyce, Lucas F. Tucker, Mary A. Smith, Anna J. Dennis, Rachel S. Homland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia R. Jones.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings have been read, approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Report of the Committee on Education has been acceptably read, and is as follows.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report:—That the following statistical information has been compiled from accounts received from the several monthly meetings, bearing upon the subject of our appointment, viz:—

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of four and sixteen years.	892
Number between sixteen and twenty-one years	483
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
Number of Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
Number of Family Schools,	6
Number of children attending schools taught by Friends or wholly under their control,	197
Number of children attending mixed or promiscuous schools,	456
Number of children taught by Friends in mixed schools,	212
Number of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught school the past year	117
Number of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends,	12
Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends,	29
Average continuance of First Day Schools about six months.	
Number of pupils attending the same	735
Number of pupils attending the same, who are members of our religious Society	456
The subject confided to us has, from time to time, claimed our attention, under a deep feeling of its importance, and a survey of the field before us as well as our meetings in this island, has afforded cheering evidence that, while our progress in the work has been slow, and much, very much, remains to be accomplished, our cause is still onward; and the interest of Friends for the guardian literary and religious education of our youth, is in a good degree, lively and commanding.	
The cause of encouragement, afforded by the	

statement nor before us, is the increased number of children reported as in the attendance of select schools, while the number of our children who are taught by Friends, in provisionary schools is nearly one-sixth of the whole.

Another striking feature exhibited in the summary now presented, is the large number of our members, who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year; and this evidence of the favorable opinion, in the community, of their qualifications for this arduous and responsible duty, is no small cause of gratulation.

For this interesting class, composed mostly of those in the younger walks of life, our interest and sympathy have been awakened, that they may not only be diligent in the performance of their allotted service, under a deep sense of the obligations which they have assumed, but that, seeking for that wisdom which is from above, they may be thereby qualified to discharge themselves "to the Lord and not unto men".

Of the continued efficiency of our Boarding School at Providence, we are abundantly satisfied. By the account from Warrington, we are informed that "Oak Grove Seminary" has been in successful operation during the past year, and some of our number who have attended the examinations at this school report it in a flourishing condition.

Upon the subject of Scriptural instruction, either in First-day schools, in families, or by the formation of Bible classes of adult members for this purpose we can confidently report an increased interest during the year. The number of schools is slightly augmented, and the proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefits of these simple, though highly useful, auxiliaries to a religious education, is also greater.

We wish, however, earnestly to press upon Friends in our localities, the necessity for greater exertion

in this important work. In view of our Monthly Meetings no First-day school is at the time reported.

Although fully aware of some of the obstacles to be met, in the organization and proper maintenance of these schools, in the little meetings and scattered neighborhoods of Friends, to which we allude, we are tenderly solicitous that neither these difficulties, nor an undue shrinking, from a sense of weakness, on the part of those who may feel drawn to this labor of love, may unfortunately deter any of our dear Friends from a faithful discharge of duty, in feeding these tender lambs of the flock.

On behalf of the Committee,

Henry T. Ward, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month 14th, 1860."

and we reappoint the friends John Seward last year to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in giving attention to this interesting subject and they are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Huldah Atwater and similar ones for our friends Fannie Coffin, Edith Griffith, Mary B. Prichard, Julia Ann McCool, and Hannah S. Key, viz:

Our beloved friend Huldah Atwater attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Lydia W. Macomber and similar minutes for our friends Lydia H. Stanley and Mary M. Ferris, viz:

Our beloved friend Lydia W. Macomber attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Extracts from the minutes of this yearly meeting have been read and approved and the Clerk is

invited to sign and forward them with transcripts
of epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings
to our respective Quarterly Meetings.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, and
fearing this to have been a season of peculiar favor,
with hearts filled with thanksgiving and praise to
our Father in Heaven for his renewed mercies to us,
we conclude proposing to meet at this place, at
the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah Stobey Clerk

Epistles.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

It is as we reverently believe in the
fresh flourings of gospel love, which extends over sea and land
to salute the Lord's heritage - that our hearts are drawn
towards you, and while we gratefully acknowledge your
acceptable Epistle of last year, our faith is confirmed
in the wisdom of the provision thus made for the general
and strengthening of the bonds of love and fellowship
between the distant members of the church.

I omitted in sparing mercy once more to meet in this our
annual gathering, we have cause to commemorate the goodness
of Israels unshameable Shepherd in granting us an evi-
dence that he still careth for his flock and is now as of old
to help those who call upon His great name under a living
sense of their dependence upon Him who is the giver of
every good and perfect gift.

Bapt the Lord build the house they labor in vain that
build it. Except the Lord buif the city, the watchman
waketh but in vain. May we never so give way to the

infinites of the flesh and the niles of the tempter w^t to
forget the giver in the enjoyment of His gifts. May we
never plume ourselves upon the possession of any of the
blessings which he may be pleased to bestow but remember
they are all at His disposal and subject to be withdrawn
at His will.

We feel that while we have cause at this time to magnify
the great and ever blessed name of the Lord, our true
place is in reverent waiting and dependence upon
Him with prayerful desire that our eye may be kept
single unto Him - that self may be made of no refe-
rence but that each esteeming other better than him-
self - the hinder of the one, the two, or the five talents
of our Lord's money may be equally engaged to occupy
his stewardship to the glory of Him who has lent
till He come and require an account of His own.

Deep and heartfelt has also been our exercise of spirit
that true Christian love and unity may continue to
prevail among us and increase - That in and through
the power of this love we may as we stand praying,
forgive if we have aught against any - remembering
the injunction of the Lord Jesus - If thou bring thy
gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy
brother hath aught against thee, go thy way - first be
reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy
gift.

We earnestly desire that all who profess the name of
Christ and who enjoy so many of the privileges brought
in by the gospel may be found truly engaged to live
in a measure of the self sacrificing spirit of Him
who gave His life for us that we might be reconciled
to God.

We have been comforted and encouraged at this time
by the prevalence of a living engagement for the more dil-
igent perusal and circulation of the Holy Scriptures
among us believing that dear young friends may not
have heretofore received by daily family readings and
otherwise so much scriptural instruction as would have

in durable and thus the way has been in some instances
left too much unguarded by which the ever ready and
wily tempter has found access for the introduction of doubt
and skepticism. May we be fully awakened to the im-
portance of building on the Rock Christ Jesus against
which the gates of Hell shall never be able to prevail. May
our hearts be enlarged in the love of the gospel till all
party feeling and all sectional prejudice shall be done
away and we shall no more say one with another
I am of Paul and I of Apollos and I of Cephas but
be enabled to unite in the sweet confession - I am of Christ.
We have at this time the acceptable company of dear
friends from other Yearly Meetings which with their gospel
labors has been refreshing and comforting to us. It is a blessed
thing when our faith is renewed in the all sufficiency of the
power which is able to raze up judges as at the first and
counselors as at the beginning and we have been affection-
ately exhorted to gird our hearts full to the redeeming,
sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit that all which obstructs
the way of the Saviour may be removed; that mountains may
be known to flee down at His presence and we may witness
the government to be upon His shoulders. Then will the talents
He may have bestowed be faithfully occupied the gifts
and the grace He has lent will be sanctified to His
service and under the constraining power of His love and
in the restraining power of the wisdom which is from above
the Church will rejoice in its members and bright jewels
will be prepared for the Saviour's crown.

Beloved young friends are in attendance with us whose
hearts have been touched with the love of Jesus. We feel that
among them there are those who will be called publicly to
testify to His goodness. May they be made willing to lay every
cross at His feet whose service is true freedom and at whose
great name all must yet bow in mercy or in judgment.
Great is the loss we sustain by our unwillingness to make a
full surrender to the requisitions of Him to whom we owe all.
Dear friends let us encourage one another to consecrate ourselves
wholly body, soul and spirit unto Him - remembering that

time is short, yet in it we must prepare for Eternity and
the time present only is ours to secure the joys of God's salva-
tion. The blindness of such a preparation has been brought
home to us in the accounts received of the recent triumphant
close to the mortal life of one well known to you our late
beloved friend John Nester.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed vic-
tims of a cruel bondage within our land has afresh
awakened our sympathy. But is not the Lord omnipre-
sent? May we never distrust the Divine arm of power
but committing the cause of this injured people to Him
that judgeth righteously, may we, in tender commiseration
of their sufferings bear them on our hearts before Him
basting that in His own time and by His own instru-
mentality their deliverance may be accomplished.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Sister,

We salute you in the blessed fellowship of the Lord Jesus
and pray that "grace mercy and peace through God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ" may abound amongst you.
Your Christian salutation received at this time has brought
you very near to us in the unchangeable love of Christ,
at whose blessed feet we are permitted at seasons to
meet in spirit in heavenly communion and prayer,
though far separated from each other. Your allusion
to an increasing religious interest amongst the young people
with you is indeed glad tidings of great joy and
cause of reverent thankfulness to Him who hath said,
"if ye shall ask anything in my name, I will give it"
and herein is he great love manifested because He
hath heard and graciously answered the earnest suppli-
cation of his devoted disciples and poured out a blessing,
causing many to glorify God on the day of visitation and

from His holy name for His great salvation. It is no boast with feelings of humble thankfulness that we record the gracious dealings of the Lord with us whose faithfulness He hath established in the very heavens.

It seems to be a time of renewed visitation and refreshing from the presence of the Lord - which is manifested by an increasing prayerful interest amongst the brothers for a greater qualification to be examples to the flock, in all holy conversation and godliness and to bring the dear children in the arms of faith to the Saviour and entreat Him to bless them, that those yet in the spring-time of life may be reconciled to Christ through faith in His atoning blood.

We earnestly desire that the beloved Mother in Israel may be encouraged in this service of love, in a lonely dependence upon the blessed Saviour being thoroughly furnished unto every good work, receiving abundant grace to move and feed the tender hearts for him, being filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness, giving thanks unto the Father who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Our younger sisters evince an interest in the things that pertain to eternal life and some of them we believe are enquiring what they shall do to be saved. We would earnestly exhort such with you and with us to cherish the convictions of the Holy Spirit which reproach the world of sin and discourses unto us our sinful state and need of a Saviour. Be encouraged to come to Jesus in unfeigned repentance and cast yourselves upon His mercy - forsake all your sinful

pleasures and come to His feet truly, penitent and in
the awaiting name of Christ Jesus your only Saviour, pray
for pardon, and God, for his dear Son's sake, will forgive
your sins and fill your hearts with joy and peace in
believing. Thus by His grace saith the Apostle we have
peace with God through the redemption which is in Christ
Jesus and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost you will be
fitted to take your places in the Church Militant and growing
in grace and in the saving knowledge of the truth as it
is in Jesus you may manifest unto others what a blessed
Saviour you have found, and be instrumental in your several
gifts by the same Spirit in the promotion of the cause
of the Blessed Redeemer to the honor and praise of
His great name. We thank you by the mercies of God that ye
delay no longer, for now is the accepted time and now is
the day of salvation. We are much comforted at this
time by the coming of the Lord's messengers who have
been enabled by the power of His quickening Spirit
to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. May
the seed thus sown in faithfulness and in love fall
into good ground and bring forth fruit in due season
to the exaltation of the great name of the Lord.
We may add that the great Master of assemblies has
been graciously pleased to bless our several meetings with
His holy presence and power and this unspeakable mercy
we thankfully acknowledge to be above all other
blessings for in His presence is fullness of joy. We have
been favored to transact the important affairs of the
Church in much love.

In conclusion, we bid you farewell in the Lord, and
may the God of all grace who hath called us unto
His eternal kingdom and glory by Jesus Christ
after that ye have suffered awhile, make you
perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you: to Him be
glory and dominion forever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

The sisterly communications received and read at this time from yours' and other Yearly Meetings have been satisfactory and encouraging to us. Many have come to this our Annual Assembly in deep poverty of spirit, under a sense of our unrighteousness and inability to appear acceptably before him who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth for he seeketh such to worship him. But we have been permitted to rejoice in the assurance that the Lord is still mindful of his people that help is laid upon one that is mighty, that wherever there is a contrite heart and a broken spirit, whether recommended by many or few, or if sitting solitary and alone, there he is mercifully pleased to overshadow his holy presence to feed the hungering and thirsting soul with food convenient for them, thus refreshing them with bread from his bountiful table. We would encourage all amongst you and as often to return to the place of waiting, that our spiritual strength may be renewed and we be enabled to follow him in the way that he is pleased to lead. From sitting to sitting the Son of Heaven has evidently rested upon many hearts that have been filled with joy, and prayer has arisen as incense from the altar of the heart for ability to labor in the vineyard to the honor of the great husbandman and a tribute of thanksgiving has arisen to him for having turned the face of so many of his gospel messengers to the part of the heritage who have been favored highly to divide the word. While we believe that they have been enabled to preach the gospel in its fulness, we trust that the hearts of many have been prepared thus to receive it. O may it accomplish that whereunto he hath sent it. Much affectionate counsel has been extended to mothers, tending to remind them of the importance of seeking a right qualification to train their dear children in the fear of the Lord, instructing them thus early to listen to the voice of one who calls them to yield their young hearts unto him to whom an early sacrifice is acceptable - we would encourage you dear young sisters muchly to submit to

all the turnings and windings of his holy hand upon
you, and he will in due time bring you into his ban-
queting house and his banner over you will be love.
We have been impressed with the importance of an
early attention to the things that accompany salvation
in view of the shortness and uncertainty of time
as taught by the recent sudden removal by death of one
of the inmates of our Boarding School, which afflictive
dispensation is fraught with much instruction and
warning to be ready when the Bridegroom cometh
with our lamps trimmed and burning, prepared to
render our account with joy.

Your failing reference to the condition of the slave,
met a ready response in many minds, much interest
for the suffering and wrongs of that people has been
expressed, and the silent fervent prayer has been of-
fered to the Father of mercies for the deliverance
of the captive and the blessing of them that are
bound.

Finally, dear sisters, farewell - may the grace of the
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you unto
the end.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Torrey Clark

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

On hearing your very acceptable epistles of last year, our
hearts were made to rejoice in the belief that we were
still owned by the Master of Assemblies that he does
graciously condescend to pour us out a blessing and
to feed his children as with the crumbs from his
bountiful table.

We have at this time the acceptable company of many
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings who
sat and shud with the preparation of the gospel,

and whose labors of love amongst us have afresh
reminded us "how frail are right words" and we now
evenly believe many hearts have been made to acknowledge
sinful goodness and mercy have followed us. We would
desire for you as for ourselves that ye be not weary in
well doing remembering the crown is at the end, and
when trials are permitted to come upon you trust in
the Lord for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
He will indeed bless the provision of Zion and satisfy
her poor with bread.

Dear young sisters we would encourage you to faith-
fulness in little things for the promise is to them that
are faithful in the little that they shall be made
rulers over more. The time is hastening when the mothers
who have long borne the burden and heat of the day, will
pass away and the places which now know them will know
them no more. Other be prepared to receive the man-
this of those dear departed ones. God is requiring
fruit at your hands. He requires the whole heart.
Many are the precious promises recorded in Sacred Writ
for those who labor and faint not.

Our meeting has been large and harmony has pre-
vailed in transacting the weighty affair of charity.
A solemn covering spread over us on hearing the Re-
port of our Boarding School record, after which verbal
information was given of the late removal by death
of two of its inmates. Also one of the Assistant
Teachers soon after retiring from the school speaking
the warning language, be ye also ready.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed
victims of a cruel bondage within our land has
afresh awakened our sympathy. But is not the
God omnipotent? May he not distract the
crown of Power, but committing the
cause of his injured people to him that judg-
eth righteously may we in tender commiseration of their
sufferings bear them on our hearts before him trusting
that in His own time and by His own instrumentality

Their deliverance may be accomplished.

And now in much love we bid you farewell
commanding you to God, who hath called us to glory
and virtue.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In that love which would gather all to the fountain of living water do we now address you, acknowledging the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of last year. We believe that these epistolary communications are a means by which the bond of true fellowship is preserved and strengthened and we are made helpers one of another through the grace of God. We have at this time been rehended to believe that it is as we humbly ask in faith for the Divine blessing upon our upright endeavors that we are enabled through Holy help to push the work of righteousness to the glory and praise of Him Seeing that in us dwelleth no good thing, may we best in humble submission to his revealed will and thereby experience a growth in grace and a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. And let us not become weary in well doing but seeking to build one another up in our most holy faith may we witness a steady advancement in the heavenly journey toward Mount Zion.

We reverently believe that our Lord and Master has not been unmindful of us at this time, but has enabled his servants to feed the flock with food convenient for them, and we desire that a blessing may rest upon their labors, and that the number of the faithful both with you and us may be increased, for surely the harvest is plenteous and calls for devoted laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

bring them are gifts dispensed to all, and that none
and too weak to bear a part in the great work before
us, may every member of the militant church endeavor
to fill the allotted sphere of usefulness, and whether
in ranks of charity or benevolence, in the public advocacy
of the cause of the Redeemer, or in silent inter-
cession with the Father of spirits for the good of our-
selves and the welfare of the church, may we be dil-
igent in our heavenly calling "redeeming the time."

The state of Society having been brought before us
by the answers to the queries, the meeting was favored
with that baptizing power which enabled qualified
servants to go down into the river of judgment,
bringing up precious memorials which have tended to
the identification and comfort of Zion's travellers. The
love of the Gospel has been felt to flow freely amongst
us and warning and encouragement have been
administered, inviting to a closer walk with God, that
the great end of life may be more fully answered,
and that the peace of God which is of more value
than all earthly treasures may be richly ours.

Our meeting has been large and we have been cheered
with the company of many friends from other Warby
Meetings, whose labor of love has been to us as a bank
by the way.

The colored youth many of whom had been in
attendance have been tenderly admonished and en-
couraged in persuasive language to enter in the morn-
ing of life into the service of their Lord.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed
victims of a cruel bondage within our land, has
filled an almost over sympathy. But is not the
Lord omnipotent? May we not distrust the Divine
sum of power, but committing the cause of this
injured people to Him that judgeth righteously, may
we in tender commiseration of their sufferings bear
them in our hearts before Him, trusting that in his
own time and by his own instrumentality their deliverance

may be accomplished.

And now dear sister, Farewell. May the grace
of God which bringeth salvation, now richly abounding
with you and with us, to the praise and glory
of His great Name.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Mary G. Tobey Clark

To North Carolina Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
Beloved Sisters,

Your excellent epistle of 1st mo last, anchored
in our hearts emotions of sisterly affection and
regard. We were reminded of our increasing
obligations to our Heavenly Father for his manifold
blessings among which we number this sweet
interchange of thought, and friendly greeting,
as holding a very conspicuous place.

The reading of yours, was accompanied with
an evidence that it flowed from the fountain
of deep feeling and like the voice of the water
sprouts, deep answered to deep.

May the Counsel and advice contained in your
letter upon our hearts that we may become the
people of the Lord and may indeed be one,
as our Heavenly Shepherd and his Father and
One.

The solid deportment of our beloved young sis-
ters has indicated that they have full and inter-
est in the deliberations before us, and the
excellent counsel that has been imparted
to them thro' favored instruments from time
to time.

May this day in all our borders delight in
the love of their Lord cheerfully bearing the Cross
of Christ and humbly submitting to His yoke,
that they may rejoice the hearts of those who

have borne the burden in the heat of the day - that
they may become plants of renown - plants of his own
right hand planting, that there may be a succession
of standard bearers - that Zion may arise and put
on her beautiful garments and become the joy and
pride of the whole earth. And, dear Friends, may
truth and harmony prevail, cementing us in love
that in one united body we may become as the
salt of the earth - as a city set on a hill that
cannot be hid.

No power mournfully to record the removal by
death, of several dear friends who have long stand-
ed as true marks and valiants in Israel. O may
their mantle fall upon some of our Eliaks that
our ranks may be supplied with those who shall
stand faithfully for the law and the testimony.

The company and gospel labors of our beloved
Friends from other yearly meetings have been truly
refreshing, which with lovez spes the from all our
~~brethren~~ sister with whom we correspond, have
afforded renewed evidence that the go' of Israel;
unseen being Shepherd is still upon us for good
and has impend our hearts with gratitude,
for his kind remembrance and watchful care over
us though unnotizy of the least of his benefits.
May the Lord strengthen you in your sympathy and
suffering for them in bonds and may you be en-
couraged to believe that not one sigh or tear
for the oppressed will be forgotten or one hair be
permitted to fall to the ground without our
Heavenly Father's notice.

May you and we, both young and old be more
and more impressed with the necessity and efficacy
of prayer - and while we feel that of ourselves
we can do nothing, have faith in that strong
arm of Power that can say to the mountains be
removed and be cast into the sea and it shall
be done.

Our meeting this year has been large, and we
believe has been mercifully opened by the Great
Head of the Church.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, commanding you
to the grace of God, with the salutation of love,
we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobe, Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters,

In offering you the salutation of our love, our minds
are afresh drawn to commemorate the mercy
and loving kindness of our Father in Heaven,
who has permitted us again to meet in a yearly
Meeting capacity with hearts prepared to
acknowledge "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
and thy tabernacles O Israel." When through mercy
we are favored to realize that "the voice of sal-
vation and of rejoicing is to be found in the
tabernacles of the Righteous" then, with devout
feelings can the true worshipper exclaim "How
amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts."

The reading of your acceptable Epistle together
with others from our sisters of different Yearly
Meetings, has been refreshing to our spirits, tend-
ing to induce the humble tribute of thanksgiving
and praise to Him who graciously condescends
to shower tokens of good to His people. The min-
istration of His Holy Spirit in its various offices
according as the Church hath need, furnishes an
exhaustless store of consolation to Believers, en-
abling them to meet with those that weep and to
rejoice with them that do rejoice. Strong indeed
by its strength they faint not realizing that
as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our

convocation who abhorreth by Christ.

In the day of renewed Gospel invitation how forcibly are we reminded of the importance of heeding our individual calling, in the faithful occupancy of that which has been committed to our trust, least, in the day of solemn accounting we should be found among the number of such as having disregarded the call are forever denied the rich privilege of sitting at the Lord's table.

Exhortation and counsel hath freely flowed to every class among us tending to greater diligence in the work and service of the Lord. Burden bearers have been comforted and their faith confirmed in the all sufficiency of that arm of divine power that hath supported the church in every age of the world.

The beloved youth have been affectionately exhorted to give their hearts to the Redeemer, who loveth an early sacrifice. It is to this interesting class, we look with feelings of hopeful interest. May young dear young sisters, keep in mind that the offering of a broken and a contrite spirit God will not despise, such sacrifice evidence his goodness in that he first saved us before we loved him, and it is through the contriting power of his love that believers are brought to the feet of the blessed Saviour - Oh precious ones: it is here at the sacred footstool that we invite you to come, here lay down your crowns and all that you have. Cast aside every ornament for the sake of the one of unparalleled worth, that of a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of the Lord is of great price. In the Gospel of Life and Salvation rich is the provision made for every needy soul, that whether we accept or refuse our accountability is not levered, but, on the one hand unspokenably blessed it is to accept, while on the other awfully and fearfully solemn it is to refuse. Do we not earnestly to desire that,

the solemn acquisition of the Gospel may never be lost sight of by any one, and that the fruits of openness which accompany salvation may more and more appear amongst us. We hardly know how to turn away from our youthful sister the beloved objects of affectionate interest. Ye who have chosen rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season,esteeming the reprobation of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt, remember to hope in view the blessed recompence of reward and then in declining years, how sweet will be the retrospect of a life spent in the service of the Lord. Death at the end of such a life, though mercy is but the door of entrance into that glorious City "whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise".

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed victims of a cruel bondage within our land has afresh awakened our sympathy. But is not the Lord omnipotent? Let us not distrust the Divine arm of power, but committing the cause of the injured people to Him that judgeth righteously, may we in tender consideration of their suffering, bear them on our hearts before Him, trusting that in His own time and by His own instrumentality, deliverance may be accomplished.

Dear Sisters, farewell, always abounding in the work of the Lord inasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Jobey Clark

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Being mercifully permitted once more to assemble in a yearly meeting capacity, our hearts have been

tured towards you, and we desire to salute you in the
name of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellow-
ship of the Spirit. Your acceptable Epistle of late last
has been much at this time to our comfort and satisfaction
and we have been led reverently to believe that this epis-
tolic intercourse may be the means under the Divine
blessing of cementing more closely the bonds of Christian
fellowship which unite us together as the followers of one
Lord, and while we feel our own inability, of ourselves,
for any service in His cause, we are encouraged in believing
that He is ever near and ready to help us, if we
look unto Him in faith and dependence for his blessing.
We feel that you, dear sisters, are peculiarly favored
in the means of advancement in the path of spiritual
progress. The freedom of your organization finds you free
from many of the weaknesses and hindrances which
naturally and imperceptibly creep into older and longer
established associations. And our desire for you is, that
"being rooted and grounded in love; you may be able
to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth
and length, and depth and height; and to know
the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye
might be filled with all the fulness of God." May your
chief desire be, that the Kingdom of our dear Lord
and Saviour may be established in your borders,
and that souls may be gathered unto Him. May
the blessed God have free course, and be glorified
among you.

This, our annual assembly, has been large, and as
we sincerely believe, has been mercifully owned and
blessed by the great Head of the Church. Our deliberations
have been conducted with much harmony, and the
attendance of a large number of dear young friends,
whose serious deportment betokens any interest in the
important concerns of the church, has been an encouragement
to us and has given life and animation
to our proceedings. May this interesting class, both
with you and us, be made willing to make an

early covenant with their Saviour, to seek for an interest
in Him and make Him their friend by obedience to
His commands, for has He not graciously and truly
said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I
command you." Let us assure you, beloved young
sisters, you will find "His yoke easy, and His
burden light." In His service is perfect freedom—
freedom from the power of temptation and evil,
which abound not only in the world, but in our
unregenerate hearts. Is it not worth a little sac-
rifice to gain the friendship of a being, who is
not only mercifully disposed, but abundantly
able to preserve and to bless us in all the trials
and all the vicissitudes of this uncertain life?
and a sacrifice of what? Nothing that will not
in the end prove hurtful to your best interests.
We are the more desirous to dwell upon this subject
because we fear the difficulties of entering upon a
religious life, have been too much magnified, and
some may, thereby, have been disengaged. Now,
a young heart, touched with a sense of the
Saviour's love, feels drawn towards Him, but fears
lest if it once yield itself up to Him, some
great sacrifice will be required, that it will
not be enabled to make—(some painful effort,
it knows not what,) that there will be no
strength to meet. "Fear not, little flock, for it
is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
kingdom." And if such is His gracious design,
will he not, think you, help you in thy way
to the kingdom? Simple, childlike faith, a
willing spirit in us are what He requires, and
He, on His part, will lead us on step by step,
as we are able to move, "first the babe, then
the young man, then the strong man in Christ
Jesus," till His work is fully accomplished in us.
We have been favoured with the company of
several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings,

and the Gospel of our dear Redeemer has been declared to us in much of its original beauty and simplicity. "Jesus Christ and him crucified" has been abundantly preached to us, as the only hope of salvation, through faith in his atoning sacrifice, and obedience to His declared will concerning us individually. We have been earnestly encouraged to the diligent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, both in our families and in the retirement of our own closets with prayer for the Divine blessing to open them to our understandings. The attendance of our religious meetings has been much dwelt upon, not as a mere lifeless form, but as an estimable privilege being assured that God delights to meet with his people, however few in numbers, and we have been reminded for our encouragement in our small meetings at home of the gracious declaration of the Saviour, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" and His promises are sure. They are "yea and amen forever."

We feel glad to hear of the establishment of First day Schools among you - also that you continue to feel a warm interest in the cause of education - that your tract association is doing good, and that your committees in charge of the concerns of some of the Indian tribes and of the people of color are continuing their labors in their behalf. We trust our dear young sisters will feel an interest to co-operate with their elder friends, and lend a helping hand in the great cause of suffering humanity - thus being permitted to work in their Saviour's cause, and imitate His blessed example.

May the God of love and peace be with you - We remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobe, Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day, the 16th, and for discipline at Newport, on Second day morning, the 17th of sixth month, 1861.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Rockham, Hannah C. Robinson, Ruth S. Buffington, Mary A. Smith, Anna T. Dennis, Ruth Anthony, Anna Howland and Gulielma Freeborn.

From Fall River - Elizabeth Gore, Mary E. Breed, Abigail Kane, Louisa W. Rogers, Sabina A. Page, Mary Nichols, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Cynthia W. Huntington and Hannah Sage.

From Sandwich - Rhoda H. Taber, Dorcas F. Tucker, Maria S. Smith, Elizabeth Dillingham, Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Elizabeth A. Wing, Rebecca A. Church and Ruth H. Baker.

From Falmouth - Jane C. Minot, Lydia Winslow, Hobie F. Cobb, Eunice J. Rice and Hobie Terry.

From Smithfield - Lucy F. Collins, Margaret Taft, Ruth M. Bailey, Emma W. Grover, Mary R. Hadwen and Elizabeth W. Babcock.

From Uxbridge - Ann Jones, Martha Weston, Rebecca Taber, Fanny Cole, Nancy H. Pinkham, Anna Gates, Hannah J. Jenkins, Lydia R. Taber, Sarah E. Jones and Ann E. Gray.

From Lower - Hannah Morrell, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah N. Meader, Fannie Hoag and Hannah Hobister.

Bethel Friends. - Hannah S. Joy, Elmira H. Fair,
Sarah E. Simpson, Elmira Winslow
and Hannah R. King; -

whose names being called, they were all present except five; for the absence of three, satisfactory reasons were given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William S. Richardson, and in the appointment of Elizabeth Chase and Ruth Chase to the station of Elder; and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford to the same station; and that the following Friends have deceased during the past year, viz.: - John Meader, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, 6th mo. 7th 1860, aged 62 years, 7 months and 4 days; Hannah Gould, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, 7th mo. 7th 1860, aged 80 years 6th 1/2 one day; Susan Ann Buffum, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, 3rd mo. 5th 1861, aged 72 years 10 months and 6 days; and Anna Rose, an Elder and member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, 8th mo. 19th 1860, aged 78 years, 8 months and 25 days.

Salem reports that David Dow, a member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the station of Elder, died 5th mo. 26, 1860, aged 78 years, 4 months and 28 days; that Ruth Bassett, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo. 5th 1860, aged 78 years, 3 months and 9 days; and that Mary Chase, a member of the same meeting, a minister, deceased 4th mo. 26th 1861, aged 85 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Gardwick informs that it has united with Easton Monthly Meeting in the agreement

of Moses Smith, Maria S. Smith, and Hulda Gifford
to the station of Elder; that Wanton Monthly
Meeting has accepted from Christopher C. Houssey, late
a minister and member of that monthly meeting, a
resignation of his right of membership; and that
Mary B. Farnum, a Minister and member of the same
Meeting, died 1st mo. 27th 1861, aged 87 years.

Falmouth reports that Anna Purinton, an Elder and
member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 11th mo. 7th
1860, aged 92 years, 6 months and 14 days; and
Naomi S. Parker, an Elder and member of Goding-
ton Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 25th 1857, aged
53 years, 5 months.

Vassalboro' informs that it has united with
China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Kinchel B. Houssey, Sarah Jones and Hannah
J. Jenkins to the station of Elder, and with U-
nity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Elizabeth
J. Cook to the same station; that Abijah Newhall,
an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meet-
ing died 10th mo. 6th 1860, aged 80 years, 9 months
and 5 days; and that Peace Moulton, an Elder
and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, deceased
4th mo. 11th 1861, aged 58 years, 7½ months.

Interesting epistles from our sisters of London,
Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and
Western Yearly Meetings have been acceptably
read, and we appoint the following Friends to
consider the subject, and, as way opens for it,
prepare essays of reply to present to a future
sitting of this meeting, viz.: -

Chris Keene, Susan Howland, Gilbert Jones,
Rhoda H. Taber, Phoebe R. Gifford, Lydia Congdon,
Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Jessie
Osborn, Mary S. Bradford, Olivia C. Oliver, Elizabeth
Gore, Judith Penn, Emma J. Rich, Rebecca L. Hin-
man, Jane C. Minor, Annie G. Wood, Abigail C. Brooks,
Lucy J. Collins, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Weston,

Conrad, A. Robinson, Mary H. Wing, Fanny Cole,
Catharine Brown, Horatio S. Foster, Elmer S. Boyce,
Reulah M. Rogers, Mary Bailey, Ruth H. Baker,
Ann Elmira Long, Sarah S. Tobey, Sarah T. Samp-
son and Anna L. Dennis.

We appoint Susan Howland, Mary E. Breed,
Elizabeth A. Osborne and Eliza B. Boyce to
prepare a summary from the answers to the
queries, to present to a future sitting of this
meeting.

We feel this morning to have been a season
of favor - one in which we believe many hearts
have been humbled before the Lord, in view
of His great mercy, in permitting us to as-
semble again in this place to worship Him,
and to transact the affairs of the Church;
and while we are comforted and strength-
ened by the presence of some dear aged sis-
ters, who have come up under many discour-
agements, in declining strength and bending
under the weight of years, to unite with us
yet once more, in the performance of the du-
ties that may devolve upon us, we have, on
the other hand, to mourn the absence of many
beloved sisters, of whom it must be said, -
The places that have known them on earth,
shall know them no more forever. Surely, it
would seem that the Lord has, in a remarkable
manner, during the past year, been gathering
his chosen ones home to Heaven. Some who
have long been as upright pillars in His
house, - who have guided us by their counse-
l and instructed us by their precepts, - have
come to their grave in a full age, like as a
sheaf of corn cometh in, in his season.

Others have been called away in the midst
of their days, and some in the morning of
life, teaching us that no age is corrupt; but

but that at such time as we think not, we too
may be carried away; and may those trials, afflictions
and changes "be with blessing come", as to
awaken in us renewed and earnest desires to be
found walking in that way which leadeth to
everlasting life.

Adjourned to the time when friends may meet this afternoon.

Second day afternoon. - Not agreeably to adjournment.

Susan Howland, on behalf of the Representatives,
reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F.
Fobey, for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce, for Assistant
Clerk, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they
are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting, the acceptable company
of our beloved friend John Hodgkin, from England,
satisfactory certificates have been read from Lewes
and Chichester Monthly Meetings, held 3^{mo}. 21, 1861;
the Quarterly Meetings of Sussex, Surrey, Hamp-
shire and part of Dorsetshire, held at Brighton,
the 28th of 3^{mo} 1861; and from the Meeting of min-
isters and Elders of the Yearly Meeting of Friends,
held in London, acting on behalf of the Society
throughout Great Britain, the 28th of 3^{mo} 1861,
expressing unity with him as a Minister of
the Gospel, and with his present religious
engagement.

We have also, the acceptable company of our
beloved friend Joel Bean, of Red Cedar
Monthly Meeting, Iowa; David Tatton, of
Bridgport Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Sarah
Ann Linton, of Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio,
and Esther C. Weeks, of Chappaqua Monthly
Meeting, New York; satisfactory certifi-
cates from their several Meetings expressing
of unity with them as Ministers, and with
their present religious engagement, were de-
sired and read.

Our beloved friend Robert W. Hodson of —
Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion
to our friend David Tatam; Rhoda G. Hadley,
companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton,
of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and
Stephen Wood, of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting,
New York, accompanying our friend Esther
C. Weeks, being present at this meeting, sat-
isfactory certificates from their respective
Meetings have been read, expressive of
unity with them as Elders, and with
their present engagements.

We have also, the acceptable company of
our beloved friend Phoebe Ann Weston, of
Burrillville Monthly Meeting, New York,
companion to our friend Esther C. Weeks,
and a satisfactory certificate from the Monthly
Meeting of which she is a member, has been read,
expressing unity with her as a Minister, and
with her present engagement.

We have also, in attendance at this time, sev-
eral other dear friends from neighboring Yearly
Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to
us.

The Minutes of last year have been read.
Adjourned to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Third day morning.—Met at 10 o'clock, and
entered upon the consideration of the state
of Society, by reading the Queries, to the Queries,
with a Summary prepared therefrom, and
proceeded as far as the 5th, inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Third day afternoon.—Met at 4 o'clock.
The remaining Queries and Answers have been read,
and in consideration of this important part of the
business that has claimed our attention, we have

been made thankful for His solemn warning & judgment over us, and we evidence variously afforded of faithful servants being qualified to impart salutary counsel on account of the difficulties which are apparent among us.

The answer to the first query, from our subordinate meetings, manifesting a want of engagement with some in the due attendance of our religious meetings, has awakened a deep concern in many minds, and earnest and impressive appeals have been made to us not to neglect this great and important duty.

If we were sensible of the boundless, matchless love of Him, who spared not His own Son, who, though He has spared us for hours, for days and years, yet spared not His Son, but offered Him a sacrifice for us, - who now liveth our Mediator and Intercessor with the Father; if we really felt the full force of His boundless love, could we neglect one opportunity of assembling to worship Him, to wait upon Him, and to praise His great and excellent name for all His blessings? And were we not tenderly encouraged to believe that, even if the number assembled be small, and though there may be no vocal offering, yet, as we are convened to meet in the name of Jesus, we shall experience Him who is the teacher of teachers and the Minister of Ministers, to be in our midst.

One of these opportunities unimportant is lost to us; it can never be recalled. Our days are passing rapidly away; the time that we shall be permitted to continue in this state of being is known only to Him, who has in His matchless mercy spared us so long. May we be concerned to spend it to His glory and honor.

This subject of unprofitable reading was interestingly addressed to Mr. Hollingshead

be importuned to silent conformity from the abundant publications of the present day for their beloved daughters, whom they desire to see growing up as plants of the Lord's right-hand planting, and as willows by the water courses, - those precious treasures, which we have no right to call our own, but who are lent us for a season, and who it should be our care and concern to train with the Divine blessing, both for this life and for the life which is to come. And our dear young friends have been entreated not to spend their precious time in light and trifling reading, believing that they sustain a loss thereby, and that it often leaves an impression upon the mind, that many years cannot efface.

A call seems to have afresh gone forth to this interesting portion of our beloved Society, some of whom are most acceptably in attendance at this Meeting, to give themselves up more fully to serve the Lord; not so much their confidence in broken cisterns, upon which it is legibly inscribed that they can hold no water, but to come, come even now, to the well-spring of life and drink of that water of which our blessed Savior himself declared, "Whoso drinketh thereof shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The subject of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, and indeed oftener than a daily perusal of this sacred volume, has been most interestingly presented to us at this time, - those blessed truths which were given us by inspiration, - and we have been reminded that they are the record that God has given of his dear Son; that they have been miraculously preserved and handed down to us without

and are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; but they are a mine of wealth, the deeper it is digged. The more precious we are known and of which the apostle testifies that we are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:-
Answer 1st.- Out-meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of some small ones, which in several instances have been omitted, mostly on account of the inclemency of the weather, sickness and bad travelling. Those on Lord's days have been generally attended by most of our members, while those in the middle of the week have been neglected by some. The hour has been generally observed. Mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior. Three of the Quarterly Meetings report that some care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans. 2^d.- Love and unity since been in good measure maintained and most Friends have been careful to guard against detraction. One Quarterly meeting reports that a manifest want of love and unity is apparent in a few, on account of which some care has been extended. Their differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3^r.- There appears to be a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to restrain them from profane reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary here-in themselves, yet there are differences with some in maintaining our testimonies in these respects. We believe the Holy scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans. 4th.- Careful in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 5th - The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning and we know of none placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th - Friends are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet there have been several instances of marrying and one of keeping company out of the order of our Society where some care has been extended.

Ans. 7th - Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this query. One Quarterly Meeting states that in a few instances a faithful testimony has not been borne against the payment of slaves' wages, where some care has been taken.

Ans. 8th - Friends appear to be generally careful in these respects.

Ans. 9th - Care has been taken in regard to records. Several removals without certificates some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th - Friends appear to be careful to deal with offenders agreeable to the requisitions of this query. Three accounts state that there has been some delay in the discharge of this duty. Judgment appears to have been passed in good measure according to discipline.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was read and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed who served last year.

The Report is as follows, viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School report: That for the summer term of the school there were admitted 131 scholars, 73 males and 58 females; and for the winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females. It will be remembered that at our last Yearly

Whetting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the summer term, of several sicknesses and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number, viz.: 57 males and 52 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as principals, until the close of the Summer term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz.: John G. Rockell, Harrick C. Goodman, Elma Dame, and Lois Anna Green, in the English branches; Henry H. Linkham, in mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Ronaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Pottier, in Drawing.

At the close of the summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study as prescribed by the Society of the Friends were presented with duly authenticated diplomas.

of instruction. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, who were instrumental in introducing this more extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we leave to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that their retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness.

Our former arrangements having proved unsatisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same or a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert H. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza P. Smiley entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following Board of Instructors:-

Albert H. Smiley } Principals.

Eliza P. Smiley }

Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal.

John F. Powell

Rufus Head

} Teachers of English Branches.

Rebecca H. Smiley

Ruth P. Nichols

Joseph B. W. Congdon, Assistant Teacher of Greek & Latin.

Dr. Sorenz Ender, Teacher of French and German.

Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School House, on First day mornings, with a few exceptions, consequent upon the heat of the summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning meeting in the city, which

They usually attend on the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week. The meetings at the School House have been attended, in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been successful of favor and of interest.

The health of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good.

Instruction in the Holy scriptures was formed a part of the regular school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon Jesus Christ, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited exhibit the following statement for the past year:-

The receipts for tuition &c. with \$4192.⁹⁰ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment. The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and \$1653⁸¹ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution \$1500.-

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz.: - \$10. for term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$10. for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100. for any others, payable in advance.

That \$5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee
Lancaster, T^m: 7th 1861. Gilbert Conester, Clerk

Regulations of the School Committee

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eight of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meetings, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 5th and 9th months - as before determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At those meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the funds of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season, for the meeting of the committee in the 9th months, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance. It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not certificates are desired to be issued for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the

privileges, and again admitted by the committee; and
in all cases of children being admitted for the term,
and attending the school, it is required that payment
will be made for the term.

Friends of profile, and others visiting the school,
will in future be expected to defray the expenses arising
to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and
for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to
be made to the Principals.

Address Albert H. Smiley,
Principal Friend Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

The second printed Epistle of 1860, has been accept-
ably read, and we desire that the excellent counsel
it contains may find a place in every heart.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fri. 1st day morning. Met at 10 o'clock.

The testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting endorsed
by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting concerning our
late beloved friend, John Meader, has been read.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. How-
ever instructive is the record of the dedication of this servant
of the Lord, who early heard his Master's call and ob-
eyed it, and through a long life of active usefulness
contested nothing too near nor too dear to part with; for
his blessed name is safer. May his bright example
of continued and unswerving faithfulness be mani-
fested daily, stimulate us, his survivors, steadily
to follow on in that path which may be pointed
out to us to walk in, since it is only in the unflinch-
ing obedience of faith so eminently experienced

by our dear departed friend that we can hope
"We are united ere long, to that blessed company
where John saw - 'They come out of great tribula-
tion, &c. &c. had washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb'; and of-

whom it is deserved, they shall range no more westward than my word. For the same vision is in the midst of the throne shall find them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Adjourned to 11 o'clock this afternoon.

Fourth day afternoon. Met near the 4th River. Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Ohio and New-York Yearly meetings have been read and approved.

A testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Joseph Davis, has been read. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" The concern of this dear friend to live in strict accordance with the dictates of truth, the purity of his life, and his careful walk with God, are indeed worthy of our imitation. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."

The Clerk is directed to cause to be printed the minutes of this Meeting, together with the Epistles received from other Yearly meetings, and forward them to our subordinate meetings.

Adjourned to the time when Friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 6th month 20th, met agreeably to adjournment.

The Report of the Committee on Education, has been read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting,

The Committee on Education report:

That, as in former years, circulars have been addressed to the correspondents in our several Monthly meetings, asking for statistical infor-

mation, which having been kindly furnished by our	
the following summary has been compiled therefrom viz:	
Number of children, in the family meeting between the	
ages of four and twenty-one years	1264
Number of monthly meeting schools	2
" " Preparative " "	1
" " Family Schools	6
" Friends' children who have attended	
School the past year	1127
" Friends' children who have attended school	
taught by Friends or under their control	272
" Members of the Yearly Meeting who have	
taught School the past year	124
" Members who, in obtaining an Education	
at Academies and Colleges, are placed out	
from among Friends	10
" First Day Schools taught under the care	
of Friends	56
Average continuance of those schools about Comon.	
" Pupils attending the same	907
" Friends' children attending the same	477
" Bible Classes of Friends' besides First	
Day Schools	12
" Friends attending Bible Classes	147

The general subject of the guarded education of the youth of this Yearly Meeting, the promotion of which has been more especially delegated to this Committee, has claimed our serious attention, and its magnitude and importance have seemed to us in our estimation in proportion to the advancement made which, however slow, we think has been sure, of later years.

While the situation of many of our members in scattered locations has operated, with other causes, to discourage them from an effort to form select schools for the education of their children, yet, with this always, as evidently increasing interest is felt for the guarded

bring of their beloved offspring; and we
are desirous that the advantages now offered
by our Boarding school at Providence,
should be enjoyed to their full extent by
the most interesting portion of our Society.
We can still, with great confidence, recommend
this institution to the patronage and support
of Friends; and the benefits resulting
to their children from the course of instruc-
tion here provided at so small a cost, we
think will largely repay parents for the
necessary sacrifice. We are also favorably
impressed by the accounts received of the
successful operation of "Oak-Grove Seminary",
at Vassalboro'. Upon the subject of Scriptural
instruction, we can report an encouraging pro-
gress during the past year. Not only is an ad-
ditional number of schools in operation, but
in some of these simple, but highly use-
ful auxiliaries, greater interest has been
manifested. Parents and elder friends have
been more frequently in attendance, and
their presence, and in some instances hearty
co-operation, have in no small degree contributed
to the usefulness of the schools.

On behalf of the Committee,

Signed, Silas Dillingham.

Newport, 6th mo. 19th, 1861."

And we appoint the Friends who served
last year, with the exception of Lydia Brainerd
in the place of Miss Maria May, deceased,
to unite with a similar committee of men
Friends, in giving attention to this subjects;
and they are requested to report to this Assem-
bling, next year.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters at
London, Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina,

Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, have been
read and approved and the Clerk is directed to
sign the same, and forward them to those meetings
respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the
following minute for our friend Paul C. T. in viz:
"Our beloved friend Sarah Cummins, attended
this meeting. Her company and religious service
have been acceptable to us; and similar ones for
Elisha C. Weeks and Isabella Ann Woodson."

The following minute has been prepared for
our friend Rhoda G. Hoadly, viz:
"Our beloved friend, Rhoda G. Hoadly attended
this meeting. Her company and solid deportment
have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The business of the meeting is closed; the "wear
for us to separate has come. We with vision on
the issues of life, who we humbly trust has
watched over our deliberations from sitting to
sitting, and graciously gives us so full a per-
son of his life giving presence, also know-
eth how many of us will be permitted to
assemble here again. May we remember one another
for good, and may our hearts often turn to
this season of divine favor with gratitude to
God for the blessings of his heavenly dew which
we have so evidently experienced at this time.

We conclude, purposing to meet again, at this
place, at the usual time next year if the
Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles

I am now about forty years of age
and have not yet got or made a record by ad-
dressments, from on the 16th of 6th month to the 20th of
the same inclusive, 1861.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear Sisters

Your acceptable and insinuative
epistles of 1860 & 1861 have been read at this time
blessing you to our countenance in the first-
glowings of gospel love, and causing us univer-
sally to feel the value to the church of this epistolary
intercourse, by which the christian bond is strength-
ened. Stay we with you, beloved sisters, appreciate
this blessing which has been preserved to us
from the rise of our Society to the present
day, and which has been so faithfully main-
tained through suffering and persecution.

I pray for us, dear sisters, that we may be
strengthened of the Lord in this day of im-
pending trials and afflictions, to maintain
faithfully our various christian testimonies, as
the devoted humble followers of a meek and
loving Savior. Whilst we have cause to fear that
we have lived too much at ease in Zion under
our high and holy profession, we would reverently
pray that the spirit of supplication might be
poured out upon us and that we might be enabled
in living faith to look upon Him whom we have
mined with many sorrows, bearing upon our
spiritual life, the example, the sufferings and
the death of Christ, and in this day of visitations
of outrage and of wrong from without in our
beloved country know Him who is the resur-
rection and the life to reign and to rule in
our hearts.

We can peaceably unite with you in the im-

perpetual and deeply interesting concern that we may, in our social gatherings, keep in view our "spiritual profit," that a season may be kept against us, protracted, convolution time. These may be noble seasons of communion in which the minds of the dear young people may be drawn from that which is vain and trifling, to a love of the truth and to the enjoyment of those things which certain to their everlasting peace.

The interest that is manifested in imparting Scriptural instruction and in the frequent reading of the holy scriptures both in our families and in retirement before the Lord has been comforting and encouraging. May these efforts and these desires increase amongst us and be blessed to us.

A testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend John Spader, has been read at this time, troubling and continuing our minds with a sense of His mercy and power who called this dear friend into His service in early life and who enabled him through many trials and changes in faithful obedience to Him so to run as finally to obtain.

We have been favored with the acceptable company and religious services of our dear friend John Hodgkin from your funds and several dear friends from other Scarsdale Meetings, whose gospel labors have been truly refreshing, affording a renewed evidence of the superintending, watchful care of the Holy Head of the Church in planting and watering in this part of His vineyard, and many have been the prayers we reverently believe, that the blessed fruit taught forth may remain and increase, that the design of the great and good Master may be manifest to the glory of God the Father.

In grateful commemoration of past and present miseries inter unigned we bid you affectionately farewell and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Sarah Hobley Clark

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters

Unde a inward sense of the

beauty and strength of that love which emanates from
the Father and贯穿 of love, we are drawn at this
time to salute you - acknowledging the truth, that
the waters of tribulation can neither quench or
lessen this love, of which we have been so largely
partakers in our different settings.

Sweet indeed is this union with each other
and communion with Him; for we, being baptized
into the name and nature of the Father, become
children of the same by adoption and can cry
"Abba Father".

The new Minister of Ministers has,
we trust been with us and we have, we believe,
felt the circulating life and power of that love
of Christ. It being now our lot as a nation
to be visited with the scourge of war in our lands,
we are brought to feel the great necessity of
having an abiding place in the Rock of Ages -
a refuge to flee unto where "the powers that be are
in hostile array" - and also the need of watchfulness
and prayer that "we keep the door of our lips", that
we uplifted at all times that most holy rule
of our Saviour to do unto others as we would that
they should do unto us - and in this trying state
wherein we feel that all have indeed need to
know where they stand and on what they rest,
we are brought to remember your instructive example
as a society in a similar political disturbance
in your own land many years past, and now
the arm of the Almighty preserv'd you from
danger and death.

How have we coveted an entire trust in God
who has promised that He will help all those
in perfect peace whose minds are staid on him.
Your Epistle of the present year has been

wanted and read at this time, by which we are comforted and strengthened to hold on our way by faith in Him, who is our captain and from whom we receive every fresh supply of true bread to nourish the soul and keep it alive in God. We have at this meeting seen very acceptable testimony of their Friends from other yearly Meetings, who have been supplied with exercise with us for an increase with them of the love spirit of prayer for their children, and that they improve every sight opening in their tender minds to lead them to the Saviour, encouraging them to faithfulness in every known duty, either in devotion to their Heavenly Father or in those which may be esteemed of minor importance.

This, with many other subjects, has claimed the attention of the faithful laborers amongst us.

We are bowed in gratitude for these fresh showers of gospel love, and feel that we can say "In unto the Lord hath weighed us."

With our salutation of love we remain your friends,
Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Sarah A. Tobey Clark

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters

Being mercifully permitted yet once again to assemble in this our annual gathering, for the public worship of our Heavenly Father and for the transaction of the important affairs of the church, our hearts have been turned towards you, beloved sisters and we desire to offer you our salutation in the love of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Spirit.

Your account of the present year has been read among us at this time to our comfort and satisfaction, and we have been led to desire

that this epistolary intercourse may be increasingly blessed to the uniting more closely the bonds of Christian fellowship, which unite together the true disciples of our common Lord & Saviour wherever situated.

Your impressions of the feelings attending your minds upon convening in your late Yearly meeting meet a fitting response in our own hearts. The peculiar and unaccustomed trials by which we are surrounded, can open us for the exercise of a deeper and firmer faith in the overruling Providence of God, without whose notice not a sparrow even falleth to the ground."

While wars and rumors of wars are heard on every side, until perplexities and trials attend us, may we be concerned to gather nearer and yet more near, to the place where prayer is wont to be made - to the girdle of our merciful Father in Heaven, then humbly to ask for an increase of faith and love and wisdom for ourselves; and that He who can cause even the wrath of man to praise Him, will be pleased to hasten the day when wars and oppression shall cease, when the swords shall be beaten into ploughshares and the spears into pruning-sicks, and that blessed peace, which pleases from a perfect obedience to His just and holy laws, be granted to our borders.

We also sympathize deeply with you in your sorrow in noticing the many places left vacant by the departure of beloved and valued mothers in Israel. With us too, the past year has been a time when the call seems peculiarly to have gone forth "Gather together unto me my saints and those who since made a covenant with me by sacrifice"; yet while our hearts have been sad within us as we have looked in vain for the beloved forms we were wont to see, and have

leavized - that the places which once bore them should never them no more; yet we have been made thankful to God that many of them were spared to us so long, and that their precepts and examples still live in our remembrance. So that "through God, they go forth to us", in tones of encouragement and love. And we greatly desire that the passingmantles of these dear and venerated friends may rest upon us who remain yet a little longer, that we too may be strengthened to work in the vineyard of our master doing His holy will, and be made instrumental in our several allotments, in gathering souls unto God.

Our meeting has been large and, as we severally believe owned and blessed by the great Head of the Church. We gratefully acknowledge as a special mark of His favor the love and unanimity which since prevailed in our deliberations. We have had the acceptable company of our friend John Higgin from England, and of several other ministers from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the doctrine of faith in His mediatorial and covenantal and of salvation in the guidance of His Holy Spirit was ever proclaimed to us by some of these His servants and messengers. The duty of attending our meetings for worship has been much dwelt upon. Though not a word may be spoken therein, yet if our minds are rightly directed to Him who is the Head of our assemblies the true Minister of salvation we may often go away refreshed and comforted.

The duty, the necessity, the comfort of prayer! From fitting that in the morning we should raise to God the eyes that He has opened, and the voices that He has attuned, and entreat His guidance through the woes and trials of the coming day; and then touching the thought that during the helpless hours of unconsciousness He has kept us in perfect peace and safety. At evening

sun setting that we should return thanks for
the blessing of preservation and direction through
the day, and ask His protecting care through the
hours of darkness and rest. How fitting that at
all times, and in all the occurrences of the day,
we should habitually lift our hearts to Him in
prayer or in thanksgiving. The reading of the
Holy Scriptures, they which testify of Him, and
which are all through faith which is in Christ
Jesus, to make us wise unto salvation. O dear
Sisters, let us neglect none of those divinely
appointed means for our progress. Firmly do
we trust the salvation of love we are your friends.
Signed, as always and by direction of the meeting.
Sarah A. Hobey Clark

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters:

In the unity and fellowship of the
ever blessed Truth we would affectionately salute
you, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable
and interesting epistle of 10th m^r. last, the reading of
which was comforting and encouraging to the
enriched line our Leinwand, introducing us into
a sense of feeling with you, and permitting
us at times in this, our epistolary correspondence
to drink from the same cup and to be baptized
into that oneness of spirit, which enables us to
speak the same language, "peace on earth and
goodwill to men". On coming to this our annual
assembly, our minds have been bowed in humble
reverence before the Father of all our mercies,
that through His helping hand we may be
enabled to transact the concerns of the Church
that come before us, in condescension, and offer
not Him from the altar of our hearts an
unprofitable offering of the fruits of the spirit,

that we may be partakers of that peace which remains
to be the incompensable of the faithful of every age.

The very unhappy state in which our beloved
country is sorrowfully involved, calls for much deep
indwelling of spirit, which alone can preserve us
in an humble trust and confidence in Him who
will sustain and uphold, when the storms of
this probationary life may seem to beat vehemently
upon us. We feel much tender sympathy with you
our beloved sisters, in the very trying position in
which you are placed, and fervent have been our
aspirations that He who doeth all things well,
will by the counsel of his wisdom strengthen
you with ability to stand past the profession of
our faith without wavering even amid confusion,
turmoil and the roarings of cannon. May all these
things pass over you without harming you.

We read that Moses, the servant of the Lord, always
retired to the tabernacle for deliberation in doubtful
and disputed questions, and fled to prayer for
aid in times of danger. May you with us in
seasons of conflict, retire in humble faith to the
temple of the heart, and in fervent prayer make
known our requests to the Lord, the living God,
believing we are often permitted to receive an
answer from the Divine oracle, instructing us
things present and things to come. May your
beloved sisters, be encouraged in faith to adopt
the language "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us;
helped but ~~his~~ his holy name.

We have been feelingly reminded at this time,
of the removal by death of many beloved friends,
since last convened, who had long been engaged
in the Master's service faithfully discharging
the varied and responsible duties which had
devolved upon them as members of the militant
Church and to whom the language may be
applied "Thou hast come to thy God to affect

age like as a shock of corn cometh in his season

Our Yearly Meeting has been an interesting one, and we have been favored with the acceptable company of John Hodgkin from England and other dear friends from different Yearly Meetings on this continent, whose gospel labors of love have been refreshing to us, and we humbly trust have been mercifully favored to feel we have in a good degree been aided by the Master of Assemblies, and have been made to partake together at His bounteous table.

With the salutation of undivided love we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Erie Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:
Dear Friends:

Our feelings have been solemnized
evening together in consideration of renewed
mercies, that while those who come to the grave
in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh
in his season, are gathered into the heavenly
garner, the church militant continues to be
remembered of the Lord for good, in that He
graciously condescends, from time to time, to
keep the provision of Zion and satisfy sin-
ners with bread, that the souls that seek Him
can livingly rejoice in His favor, with an
abiding sense of obligation to Him, whose
we are and from whom cometh all that we have.

And while, dear sisters, we are drawn to
covet earnestly the best gifts, let us remember
that as these are increasingly conferred, the
amount of our responsibility is thereby
increased, in grateful recollection of which

the believing soul is often brought to query "What
shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

How humbling is the consideration of being bought
with a price! And how it should lead us to look
continually to Him who paid the price, when in His
own body He suffered, the just for the unjust. But He
might bring us to God. The Church being His purchased
inheritance, strong is His claim upon individual
members. Every one of them having a place assigned
by Him, in which by faithfulness, He, the glorified
Head, is to be honored; how watchful, how prayerful
should each member be, looking continually to Him
as the servant of Christ, doing the will of God from
the heart, remembering that "blessed is that servant
whom the Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

In affectionate interest and tender sympathy we are
drawn to address you at this time and acknowledge
the reception of your acceptable Epistle of last year,
to the language of which we can feelingly respond,
in that deep valley unto deep as in rapid succession
one after wave is promulged to assault with an over-
whelming to overwhelm. But how unspeakably -
precious is the assurance renewed to the Believer
that "when thou passest through the waters I will
be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall
not overflow thee; when thou walkest through
the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall
the flame kindle upon thee." Let us then take
courage and earnestly seek to gain our faith
renewed in the all sufficiency of that arm of
Christ's power which hath never failed its righteous
and which from time to time hath proven to them
that "the foundation of God stands sure having
this seal. We said I meaneth them that are His.
In this day of trial and of gloominess, when
the judgments of the Lord are abroad in the
earth, now are we reminded that in Christ and
in Him alone, our Rock and foundation, can-

a riding place to found, and yet in this
strange world, though the archers may shoot un-
scrupulously, yet they are not permitted to
prevail "for the Lamb and His followers shall
have the victory." Then let us pray fervently
that the inhabitants of the earth may learn
righteousness of Him who is the repairer of
breaches and restorer of paths to dwell in;
that by the intervention of His power our beloved
country may be spared the continuance of the
desolating scourge of war. We feel that in an
especial manner it is both the duty and privilege
of Christians everywhere to pray and not to
faint, according as our blessed Lord taught.

Mothers may render service to their Lord
and confer such blessings upon their children
by availing themselves of His high and holy
privilege. And thus, dear sisters, may we not
hope that by a steadfast abiding in the
faith that gives victory and overcomes the
world, that there will be seen an increased
number of valiants in His cause, emboldened
in the meekness of the Lamb to proclaim Glory
to God in the highest; peace on earth and good
will to men? We have been favored at this time
with the company of our dear friend John Hodgkin
from England and several dear friends from
other yearly meetings, whose gospel labors have
been truly inspiring. In grateful remembrance
of past and present mercies, in love unfeigned
we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed in behalf and by direction of the meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

In South Carolina Monthly Meeting of Friends Friends

Dear Friends:

We trust it is under a mixed sense of the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Father in Heaven who has permitted us once more to assemble in quietness and peace to hold our annual solemnity, that we attempt to address you at this time. In our coming together we have afresh felt the loss which we have sustained in the removal from our sight of upright pillars in the Church and true mothers in Israel, yet while we mourn the departure of these, the blessed assurance is abundantly afforded, that they have been gathered to the first of all generations, and as - shocks of corn fully ripe, in the enjoyment of the full fruition of their slopes, are now treasured in the bountiful garner of the great Husbandman. Although we have received no communication from you at this time, our hearts have turned towards you with deep and heartfelt sympathy, and desires have arisen that in this day of darkness and gloominess, of trial and conflict, you may know your foundation to be upon the Rock Christ Jesus, against which nothing will ever be suffered to prevail.

After years of quietness and security our kind country is now visited by the awful scourge of civil war. May an ancient testimony to the peaceful nature of the gospel as promulgated by the Prince of Peace himself, and exemplified by his daily life whose birth was ushered in by the angelic anthem 'Peace on earth and good will to men', be still faithfully maintained amongst us.

Never perhaps in the history of our time has there been need of the individual application of the injunction of our blessed Lord, "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation". The watchword of the day is prayer. Let us seek therefore to gather to the place of his waiting, where we may experience a qualification for the exercise of His blessed

191. for by it are all the graces of the Christian life in exercise, and his spiritual armor bright. Many are the gracious promises in Holy Writ to those who casting away all confidence in the "arm of flesh" and realizing for themselves that "vain is the help of man", place their whole trust and confidence in the Lord alone. "Put over any trust in the Lord and be confounded". "The Lord shall keep them. He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in Him". Thus watchful, prayerful and trusting in the Lord, we shall be enabled to say with the Psalmist, "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion, and in the shadow of His wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast".

In our meetings at this time, we trust the gathering influence of the Shepherd of Israel, whose arm is extended to the lambs of the flock, has been felt amongst us. May they in the bloom and freshness of their life, yield their hearts in unreserved obedience to the call of their loving Savior. And may we all, dear sisters, be renewedly animated and encouraged to press forward in the heavenly race, and though at times the way may seem difficult and the dangers great, yet if we are truly off the fold of Christ, we have his gracious promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend John Hodgkin from England and several dear friends from other Society Meetings. Their labors of love have been strengthening to us.

Read now in the words of Moses to Israel of old the well known and immediately apparent - "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord

make His face shine upon thee and to graciously unto thee
thee said lift up His countenance upon thee and give
thee peace."

Signed in behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Friends:

Once more we have been permitted
to assemble under a solemnizing feeling that the
great Head of the Church still graciously condescends
to preside over our assemblies with the desire that
He will be pleased to own us as a part of His body
the Church, to bless our coming together and direct
our hearts. We have remembered those who have been
want to meet with us at this interesting season,
who have been called from works to reward, and
whose places shall know them no more forever.

Just tributes have been paid to the memory of some
of these, tending to incite us to follow them as they yielded
Christ.

In reading of your very acceptable visits with those of our
beloved sisters from other Yearly Meetings, we have felt
at this time it to be a sweet privilege, and our hearts respond
to your expression - "that these sisterly communications do
strengthen the bond of union, and draw our hearts
to the one Eternal Mountain".

We have been reminded that we as a people make
a higher profession of the spirituality of the Christian
religion than most others; and have been warned
against trusting in this profession in place of a
heartfelt acknowledgment of the truth, again and
again declared in the Holy Scriptures - that the
children of God are led by His Spirit, and instructed
how they should walk. Beloved now are we the sons
of God. Henceby know we that we dwell in Him and He
in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. If we walk

in the spirit we have this sign of discipleship,
that we keep His commandment, "And this is His
commandment; that we should believe on the name
of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as
He gave us commandment."

We have been interested and edified in reading
of your care and progress in scriptural instruction.
We desire your encouragement and that all such
efforts with you and with us may be blessed
and increase. Our Lord himself said "Search
the scriptures"; and how did He place those
who would not hear Moses and the prophets?
So we are has also risen from the dead and "By
his own blood entered once into the holy place,
having obtained eternal redemption for us"; and
now from his throne on high, through his spirit
would open our understandings that we might
understand the scriptures. Dear Sisters, let us
watch and pray to be instructed by this heavenly
messenger. Do we not well to give heed to the
apostle's warning - "For if they escaped not who
refused him that spake on earth, much more
shall not we escape, if we turn away from him
that speaketh from heaven, whose voice then
shook the earth". But now graciously invites
to seek an interest in those things that cannot
be shaken.

In regard to the observance of the first day
of the week, we feel grateful that your attention
has been turned to this subject, for we fear
that sufficient care has not been felt among
us in the proper observance of this day.
That from neglect there has sometimes been
cause for our good to be evil spoken of, and
that we have suffered loss from not sufficiently
viewing ourselves of the blessing which was
intended in setting apart one day in seven
especially for devotional purposes, and as a rest

from temporal cares.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend John Hodgkin from England, together with others from different Yearly Meetings, whose presence and talents of love have been a strength and encouragement to us.

And now, dear Sisters, we need say in the words of the Apostle, "That we thank God upon every remembrance of you, for your fellowship in the gospel, being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you, will perfum it until the day of Jesus Christ".

In the love which this fellowship in the gospel gives, we bid you farewell and are your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Sarah S. Tobey Clark

To Weston Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sisters:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. We would beseech the Lord on your behalf for the grace that is given you by Him, that in every thing ye may be enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge, and the testimony of Christ may be confirmed in you, so that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful who hath called you into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Your gospel salvation has brought you near in Christian love, and we are refreshed by the blessing of the Lord that maketh truly rich, having copiously descended upon you since the

establishment of a Yearly Meeting in your portion of the heritage; and though this beginning thereof was with an overwhelming sense of weakness and fear, feeling the force of the words of Christ - "Without me ye can do nothing", yet we rejoice in the belief that the precious promises of the gospel have been realized and you refreshed with heavenly dew, and free grace according to His mercy to offer up spiritual sacrifice in the availing name of Jesus. We would encourage you in every good word and work, to do His will. Pray without ceasing and in every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. May the purerjs of your faith and love shed a salutary influence on all around you, that those who dwell under your shadow as it were, may revive as the corn and grow as the vine, and the scent thereof be as the wine of Lebanon.

Thus may the name of the Lord be glorified in your behalf in the day of gracious visitation and you become as a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season.

We rejoice that your christian interest in scriptural instruction is increasing not only in the home circle but in the setting up of first day schools. May the Lord help these labors of love for Him. May He grant unto you the spiritual gift of teaching. May you keep the sacred charge thus committed to you, prayerfully as unto the Lord and be instrumental not only in teaching them the principles of the doctrine of the gospel, but also the necessity of conversion of heart through faith in the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin.

may the excellent practice of assembling the family daily for reading the blessed bible and in prayer, claim your deep christian interest until every family is included, but let it be done in a reverent dependence upon Him, who only can grant the spirit of willing supplication and the joy of his presence.

We would also recommend the duty of daily silence alone with God for self examination. Bringing those dear to you in this life, in the arms of faith and love, to the feet of your risen Lord, that He may bless both you and them, not only with unfeigned repentance but also the blessed evidence of pardon and peace in the great salvation which is in Christ Jesus our Lord unto eternal glory.

We earnestly and affectionately exhort the youth to a closer walk with God, that by prayer and supplication they make known their requests unto him. Go in all your trials and difficulties to the Rock of divine mercy and we trust, in His Lord's time, he will raise you up to live in His sight and to bless His holy name. We gratefully acknowledge we have been much refreshed at this time by the presence of the heavenly Shepherd. We have the acceptable company of our beloved brother in Christ, John Hodgkin from Great Britain and other dear myrmidons of the Lord, from different portions of our own land, who have been qualified to bring glad tidings of great joy.

Him unto whom who is able to do exceeding abundantly all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us - unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held
on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at
Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 15th, and for discipline at
W. P. on Second day, the 16th of Sixth Month, 1862.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears
that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to
the Meeting, viz:—

From Rhode Island— Elizabeth Packham, Hannah Chubbuck,
Huldah M. Bude, Gulielma Frisbee, Sarah
Slade, Amy R. Wilbur, Mary A. Smith, Cynthia
Brennan and Mary H. Collins.

From Salem— Miss Kene, Elizabeth Page, Mary E. Reed,
Julia W. Rogers, Abby C. Huntington, Rebecca
C. Hinman, Eliza P. Osborn, Ruth J. Challis,
Abby C. Nichols, Lydia Pope and Hannah Page.

From Sandwich— Susan Howland, Mary Shore, Hannah C.
Slade, Anna G. Wood, Dorcas F. Tucker, Phoebe
W. Kelly, Lydia Willingham, Mercy A. Waig,
Lydia C. Earle and Rebecca A. Church.

From Scituate— Patina B. Winslow, James C. Mirel, Phoebe
Winslow, Esther Nichols, Phoebe Hobbs, and
Lydia B. Hawkin.

From Millfield— Huber Andrews, Mary King, Lydia B. Head
and Ann B. Earle.

From Narragansett— Rachel B. Nichols, Martha Austin, Almona
J. Hanson, Sybil Ellis, Peace Jones, Hannah
J. Jenkins and Lydia P. May.

From Dover— Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah M. Mirel, Eliza
P. Vining, Mary Colone and Hannah W. Madel.

From Taunton— Hannah Pope, Emma Winslow, Sarah S.
Sampson, Betsy J. Bailey, Lucy J. Hawkin,
Eliza A. Hixie, and Patina L. Smart.

Whom present except me, for whom also a satisfactory report
is given.

By the report from the Quarterly Meeting, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Solomon A. Knobell, to the Station of Elder, and with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of James H. Davis, Gideon C. Smith, and Anna T. Lewis, and with Quincy Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the same station.

That Sandwich, Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing.

That Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Sarah D. Jones and Mary Fowle, to the Station of Elders, and that Narragansett Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Desire L. Abbott and Sarah Ellen Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Brown and Almira S. Hanson to the Station of Elders.

Lively and interesting Epistles from our beloved Sisters of London, Quebec, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read, and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, prepare Essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting viz.

Abigail M. Hanson, Susan Howland, Rhoda A. Taber, Anna G. Wing, Elizabeth Maden, Lydia Jones, Hamel P. Irwin, Sarah P. Toly, Lydia Congdon, Abigail N. Stubbs, Sarah Taber, Eunice B. Boyce, Fannie M. Briggs, Lucy J. Hankins, Rebecca C. Kuyman, Ann B. Cole, Anna T. Lewis, Hamel G. Sawyer, Rachel D. Nickels, Marcus J. Tuckerman & N. Wing, Mary B. Bradford, Deborah W. Ross, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Lydia P. Chase, Hamel D. Sawyer, Cynthia Bonner, Harriet A. Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Mary Congdon, Eliza B. Boyce, Anna Day, Linda Pepe, Jane C. West, and Olivia C. Oliver.

We appoint Maria A. Smith, Ann Elvira Lang, Lydia F. Jones, Frances B. Robinson, Mary E. Drud, Hamel Morris, Elizabeth Gru, and Mary Gifford, to prepare a summary of the answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to sit at the rear of this meeting,
to confer upon the subject of Clerk, and report their opinion.

In closing this first sitting of our yearly meeting, to which we
have come up under many discouragements, we would make some
record of our sense of the mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly
Father, who has permitted us to meet again and to grant one another
as sisters beloved. And while we feel in this day of trial, amidst
the turnings and overturnings that are taking place around us, that
our abilities can do nothing; we humbly hope that we may be
drawn nearer and nearer to Him, who is able to cause the darkest
cloud to break with blessing on our heads.

Adjourned. I four o'clock this afternoon.

Affirmation. Met agreeably to adjournment.

Busan Howland on behalf of the representatives, reported,
that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk,
and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory
to the Meeting they are appointed to those stations for the
coming year.

Having, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our
beloved friend William Graw, from Ireland, satisfactory
acquaintance was received from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn,
in Ireland, held the 13th of the 2^d Month, 1862, the Quarterly
Meeting for the Province of Ulster, held at Lisburn, Ireland,
the 3rd of 3^d Month, 1862, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders for Ireland, held in D'Callan the 26th of 4^d Month,
and by adjournment on the 3rd of 5^d Month, 1862, expressing
unity with him as a Minister sound in doctrine, and in
the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and with
his present religious engagement.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our
beloved friends William G. Johnson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting,
Nebula Yearly Meeting; Joseph Nelson, of Gilead Monthly Meeting;
Chas. John Henry Douglass, of Union Monthly Meeting, Indiana;
John M. McElroy, of New Monthly Meeting; Abraham Morris, of Gilead Monthly Meeting;
John C. Hinde, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; and
Mary St. Thomas, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York and sufficient
able to form the respective meetings, expressive of unity &c. It

them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements were received and read.

Our beloved friend John M. Macy, from Hopewell Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend William G. Johnson; Eli Harvey, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend John Henry Douglass; John J. Thomas, accompanying his wife Mary A. Thomas, and Jacob Mekul, of Canawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, being now with us, satisfactory certificates from their several Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were received.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of dear friend Isaac Stanly, companion to our friend Joseph Hobson; Isaac Mekul, who is in company with our friend Jacob Mekul; Abby W. Underhill, companion to our friend Phoebe Ann Sands, and Whitall of Morris accompanying her husband Abraham Morris, and satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagement, were received and read.

We have also in attendance, at this time, several other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to us.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock, to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning, met at 10 O'clock.

The Minutes of last year were read.

Entered upon the Stat of Society by reading the queries and answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock, this afternoon.

Third Day Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment. The remaining Queries and Answers have been read, and the deficiencies apparent amongst us have called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have been admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together for the Worship of God. He is a Spirit, and them who worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth. This is not the place of our rest; it is a probationary state, a state of trial, and not reward. How important is it then, that we do not allow the things of this world, however

right, they may claim a portion of our thoughts; to draw us away from the fulfillment of their duty, that pertain to our everlasting peace. If we love the Lord supremely; with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength, we shall not fail to render unto Him any sacrifice that He may require at our hands; and we should rejoice in the seasons set apart for waiting upon Him, when we may be favored to draw near unto Him, and to enjoy, unworthy as we are, a sweet sense of His presence.

We have been sumptuously created to cultivate charity and love toward each other; to guard against the devastating spirit of the enemy, who seeks to sow discord amongst brethren, and sumptuously to avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which waste and destroy, and must inevitably tend to our own poverty, and to the injury of others. Let the breathing of our Spirit be, Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips.

The reading of the Holy Scriptures has been afresh urged upon us; the mothers, especially young mothers, have been encouraged now, while their children are young, and their tender minds more easily inflamed, to collect them for the daily reading of those blessed truths; and, should the Lord at such seasons pour forth upon them the spirit of supplication, may they be favored, in faithful obedience, to bow the knee in prayer in presence of their precious ones, that they may be strengthened and upheld together.

The subject of unprofitable reading has been brought before us at this time, and a fear has been expressed that mothers are not sufficiently careful in their selection of suitable books for their precious children, not being, perhaps, fully aware of the deep and lasting impression, thus early made upon their minds. They have been entreated to look carefully to this subject, to realize the importance of guarding them as much as may be from hurtful and injurious influences of every kind, giving their own care and attention to the educating and training of their tender years, that as they advance in life, they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and become qualified ere long to fill the places of those who are now burden bearers in the Church.

One a paper has been raised for the dear aged mothers, who have lived to see their children through a long period of time, when

want to arm the hand; that the Lord would stay His hand upon
the infirmities of them, and spare them yet longer, to strengthen up
by their power, and guide us by their prompt, and friendly, when the
things of this life shall fade from their view, when heart and flesh
shall fail, give them a bright and a glorious view of the blessings in
store for all them who love and faithfully serve Him. See S. 10.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read
and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed who served last year.
The report is as follows, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have
given attention to their appointment, during the last year, and
feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution
have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53
males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74
males, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albat N. Smiley and
Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, associate
Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and
Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus
Karr, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant
teacher of French and Latin; Alfred Gaudet, teacher
of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which,
under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed
to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been system-
atically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have
been satisfactorily held in the School house, on First day
mornings, and on First day afternoons, and in the middle
of the week the meetings of Friends in the City have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show
the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with \$3,800 from the income
of the permanent fund have paid the expenses of the School.

The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c, and the liquidation of the debt, (\$1,500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of \$50.15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commuted and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. \$40. per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or the Scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members \$20 and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. And that \$5. additional charge, continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and Stationery be furnished at the same price, as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk

Princeton 3rd Mo. 6th 1862.

Regulations of the School Committee

As the number to be admitted is limited to eight of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their meetings to be held in the 3rd and 9th Monthly - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At the meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others. At the same time, applications for the admission of scholars

will be considered in the order in which they are made.
Monthly Meetings, anxious of occupying the privilege of the
Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as
heretofore, in season for the meeting of the Committee in the 9th Month,
and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or summer
vacation term. And, friend, are requested to observe the various
regulations adopted by the yearly Meeting, in order for admission
of Scholars into the School.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.
It is expected that Scholars will be at the School punctually
at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to
prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals,
within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are
designed to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School,
or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a
renunciation of the privilege, unless again admitted by the
Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for
terms, and attending the School, it is expected that payment
will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the School, will in
future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to
the Institution.

Application for admissions into the School, and for the benefit
of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, Albert K. Smiley
Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning. But at 10. O'clock.

The London printed Epistle, of 1861, has been read; and
we would commend the excellent cause, the practical course
and the doctrine contained therein, to our careful attention,
believing it will tend to our advancement, refreshment and
comfort.

We appoint Mary E. Brad, Sarah L. G. Tobey Kyd & Orga
and Mary C. Jones, to prepare Alterning Minit, for on-

Friends, who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings;
adjourned to 4. o'clock, this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matters of unusual interest, being furnished us by men Friends, they have been acceptably read at this time.

An essay of an Epistle to Laban Tracy Meeting has been read and approved.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which is interesting and acceptable to us, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to this interesting concern of the Yearly Meeting —

A Sub-Committee from our number visited the Boarding School in Providence, and report that institution in a satisfactory condition.

The Oak Grove Seminary, under the care of Friends in Maine, has also been visited, and we believe that these schools are doing much to aid the children and young among us, in acquiring a substantial and practical education.

First day Schools have been in successful operation during part, or all of the year, in many localities where Friends Meetings are held.

For the number, length and general attendance of these schools, we refer to the following Statistics:

Number between the ages of 5 and 15 years	632.
Number between 15 and 21 years	487.
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
" " Reparative Meeting Schools	1
" " Family Schools	5
The whole number attending school	922
Number taught by Friends	205.

Number of Friends who have taught School the past year	115
" " Members obtaining an education at Academies, and Colleges.	13.
Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends,	25.
The average continuance of these schools is about	7 months.
The whole number attending these schools	902.
Number of Friends connected with the same as teacher, or scholars	435
" " Bible classes apart from First Day Schools,	7
" " Friends attending Bible Classes	133.

We believe, though there may be little indication of it in the statistical information furnished, compared with that of last year, that there is an increasing interest in the subject of Education among our members generally, and especially with our younger Friends, who occupy the responsible relation of parents.

Here full, as their little ones gather around them, asking for intellectual and spiritual food, that they need wisdom to counsel and direct. They realize, as they never have done before, the importance of a thorough guarded Education, that the moral and religious faculties of the mind, as well as the intellectual, should receive proper culture. They are beginning to appreciate, more fully the inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, as a powerful agency in their hands, for the elevation of themselves and those around them. They thankfully welcome the Bible as their daily companion, and, as they witness its elevating influence upon the family, . . . their hearts become interested in the community around them, and, as a natural consequence, the First Day School is established. We do this interest no harm; for there are of our men . . . who are engaged in going from place to place, aiding in the establishment of these schools for Scriptural instruction.

But while the Committee are greatly encouraged by the individual faithfulness of many of our members, in promoting the cause of education in its broadest sense, they feel that as a Yearly Meeting, the Friends of New England have not done their whole duty; and would earnestly encourage them to more faithfulness in this respect.

We would recommend, at this time, the appointment of a new Committee by the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that an increased interest may be awakened upon the subject. Great

vital importance to our beloved Society.

And we would further suggest, that it would materially aid the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject of Monthly Meetings, even to appoint Committees to collect statistics, encouraging the organization of First-day Schools in all our Meetings, and to act in other respects in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting Committee. And that the Members of these several Committees, together with the members of the Yearly Meeting Committee, resident within each Quarterly Meeting, may at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be presented to the Committee on Education, when they meet at Newport.

On behalf of the Committee

John H. Chapman, Clerk

Newport, 6th Month, 18th 1812.

And we appoint Anna T. Dennis, Elizabeth Meader, Hannah Page, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Sarah H. Anthony, Mercy H. Wing, Jane C. Minot, Susan Cutland, Abigail Wheeler, Hube Andrews, Phile N. Prescott, Hannah J. Jenkins, Sarah B. Roberts, Sarah R. Brackett, Betsey J. Bailey, Sarah J. Sampson, and Hannah J. Sawyer, to unite with a similar Committee of men Friends, in preparing the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Education for the ensuing year.

We adjourn to the time men Friends may meet, tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon, 6th Month 19th, met agreeably to adjournment.

The Representatives being called on present, who answered to their names at the first sitting.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the names of the following Friends, to unite with a similar Committee of men Friends, in constituting a Committee on Education; they being satisfactory to us, are appointed accordingly, and encouraged to attend to the service confided to them, and required to report to this Meeting next year, viz.:

Cathia Bowen, Gulielma Frobom, Elizabeth A. Congdon,
Mary A. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia J. Chan, Elizabeth Page,

Mary J. Fox, Elizabeth C. Ulling, Ruth A. Hufhues, Lydia Swain,
Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. French, Susan Tuber, Abigail S.
Hodges, Lydia B. Clark, Abigail Whales, Jane C. Minott, Salome F.
Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Eastman, Rachel D. Nichols,
Sylvil Jones, Jane H. Varney, Abigail M. Hansen, Eliza P. Varney,
Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Wing, Janina M. Briggs, and Eunice
Nurslow.

Extracts of Epistles to our Sisters of London, New York, Baltimore,
Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, and Western Yearly Meetings, have
been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the
same and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minutes
for our Friend, Phoebe Ann Sands, viz.:—

"Our beloved Friend, Phoebe Ann Sands, attended this meeting.
Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us;
and a similar one for our Friend Mary H. Thomas.

The following Minute has been prepared for our Friend Mehitable
J. Morris, viz.:—

"Our beloved Friend, Mehitable J. Morris, attended this Meeting.
Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and
satisfactory to us; and a similar one for our Friend Abby
H. Underhill.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this Meeting to
be printed for distribution amongst its members.

Having disposed of the various concerns that have claimed
our attention, in much Christian Unity, under a grateful sense
of the Mercy of our Heavenly Father, who we fervently believe
has, at this season, poured out his blessing upon us, we now
separate in love, proposing to meet again at this place, at the
usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

The following is a Summary of the Answers received vis.
answ. 1st. By the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings it
appears that all our meetings have been attended, except a few small
ones for worship, and two for discipline, omitted on account of sickness,
unclement weather and difficult traveling, and one has been discontinued
by the Monthly Meeting; their uniformness and want of engagement with
some of our members in the performance of this important duty.

particularly in the attendance of our week day meetings. This however is rarely observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances. Of other unbecoming behaviour, mostly clear. Some of the answers mention that care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans^r 2^a. True and unity appear to be maintained, in a good degree, with a few exceptions in three of the accounts, some of which, are under notice. We believe most Friends are careful to guard against detraction; endeavours are used to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans^r 3^a. It appears there is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples herein themselves - One account mentions the want of a right concern with some of its members in the observance of the regulations of this query. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends families.

Ans^r 4^a. Careful in the several particulars of this query, except two accounts, viz. Some exceptions in regard to attending places of public resort.

Ans^r 5^a. Careful in the several particulars of this query.

Ans^r 6^a. We believe that there is a care now on the minds of Friends that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. Yet there have been several instances of accomplishing marriage in violation of the order of our Society, when care has been taken.

Ans^r 7^a. Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony in regard to the several parts of this query, except one or three instances of contributing to the support of a paid Ministry.

Ans^r 8^a. Most Friends appear to be careful in the requirements of this query.

Ans^r 9^a. Care appears to have been taken as to records, some deficiency with regard to certificates, which are under notice.

Ans^r 10^a. Care has been taken to deal with offenders as quined after, though not all times so seasonably as would be best. We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline.

Epistles

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th to the 19th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1802.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We have reverently acknowledged that in assembling ourselves together, at this time, we have been owned by the sanctifying influence of the love of Christ which the reading of your acceptable Epistle was strengthening and animating to our minds - under the pressure and burden of many sorrows that have come upon us.

Your sympathy with us, in view of the great national calamity that is spread over our Country is very precious and grateful to us. The true disciples of our Lord, wheresoever situated, are profane, not only to rejoice with them that do rejoice, but also to weep with those that weep. The cause of Peace is dear to us and to you - and while we mourn the sufferings, in various ways in which many are involved, we are comforted in the midst of this gloom, in the humble hope that He, who hath all power in Heaven and Earth, will over-rule this great evil for good, in breaking the Yoke of bondage, and setting free those who are under oppression.

The increased interest in Scriptural instruction in your land, and in our Extended Country is encouraging - not only in our Society, but in the universality of the love of God to every part of the Lord's heritage - that the gospel of the dear Redeemer's Kingdom may be preached to every creature in the Heavens, not only in the letter, but in the Spirit and the understanding, is the hymn and strain of Israel's God.

We can write with you in the dear year express, that we may come to Jesus, who hath expressly testified that He is the way, the Truth and the Life, that with Him we can and shall be safe, we may be found building one another

up in the name of the Holy Father.

We have at this time a large number of dear young friends in attendance of our Yearly Meeting, many of whom, we trust, are among the visited children of the Lord - also descendants to them who parent themselves in the arm of His offer people.

Mother, have been impudently encouraged to gather their children around them, and in silent waiting upon God, know His to be their Teacher. May then, with you and us, be increasingly engaged in the duty of prayer, early instilling into the minds of dear children a sense of the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit in leading us how to pray.

We have humbly acknowledged that the several meetings of this our Annual Meeting have been seasons of divine favor, wherein the truth of the Gospel have been clearly brought to view; under the uniting influence of the Holy Head of the church.

And in conclusion, dear Sisters, may we be reverently concerned to stand resolute in our different altars in a faithful maintenance of all our Christian doctrines, that the truth as it is in Jesus may shine yet more abundantly to His honor & praise.

With the salutation of love we are your affectionate Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To Hallowell Yearly Meeting of women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Being mercifully permitted once more to assemble in this, our annual Meeting for the worship of our Heavenly Father, and the transaction of the affairs of the church, our hearts have been drawn towards you in the love of the gospel, and in that love and in the fellowship of the Spirit, we offer you our affectionate salutation.

Your acceptable Epistle of the present year has been read, to our comfort and encouragement. The sympathy expressed therein to us, in our present tried condition, has been grateful to us. We are now unaccustomed trials by which we are surrounded, call upon us for the exercise of a stronger faith in the overruling power of God who worketh all things by the counsel of His own will.

who maketh the wrath of man to rain down - and who has declared
that, the remainder of wrath He will restrain. May your prayers
ascend with ours, to the throne of His infinite love, that He who mercifully
spared the further effusion of the blood of the children that He has created,
that he will bring good out of all this great evil - that the day
may be hastened when not only this sad war, which now desolates
some parts of our land, may come to an end, but that the spirit of
war may cease, the world over - that the bonds of oppression may be
broken, and our beloved country be freed from the sin of slavery, under
the burden of which we have so long sorrowed. - Lord, thou hast
heard the desires of the humble; Thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: to
judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may
no more oppress. We desire to be preserved in a state of quiet
confidence and hope in God, patiently waiting the turning of His
good hand upon us, as David waited patiently for the Lord, and
He inclined unto him, and heard his cry.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of William Green from your land, and many dear friends from neighbouring & adjacent Meetings in our own Country. That the fruit of the labours have been turned hitherward, is cause of gratitude, and we regard it as a renewed token of the continued favour of our Heavenly Father. The young have been encouraged to make an early covenant with their Saviour, that amid the ease, and trials of life, they may have a sure place of refuge - a friend who sticketh closer than a brother, who is all propulsive, as well as alluvial and yet who condescendeth to the low estate of the most humble and lowly. His pure and bright example has been set before us - His humility and goodness - the simplicity and purity of His life, spurned all of the luxury and the wealth, never desiring or avoiding even the greatest of vicissitudes, but going about doing good - Let it be our lesson; let us go to Him, with His help, His holy example - and let us feel that while Jesus is our friend, no enemy hath power to hurt us, & that He is to find a treasure of infinite value - No less than in His love all - even our own souls.

Mother have been earnestly encouraged to guard their children with watchful care, to discern the influences that are operating to form the characters of their young inmates, and, in addition to their trust, that they christ the good and, as far as possible, obviate the

etc. May the young, the middle aged, and the farther advanced
in years, labor together lovingly and trustingly for the promotion of
the Lord's cause - the cause of truth and righteousness, thus forming a
threefold cord, that cannot easily be broken.

And now, dear Sister, Farewell.

Let us, pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sister,

We trust beloved Sister, that it is in the fellowship of
the gospel of Christ that we affectionately salute you, acknowledging
the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of Fifth Month last. - Similar
tokens of Christian interest from other yearly Meetings have also been
received, and the reading of them has introduced feelings of near
sympathy and interest for dear absent friends, and the bond of Union
has, we trust, been strengthened.

May we, dear Sisters, know our faith more firmly established
in the efficacy of simple fervent prayer, having for our encouragement
the declaration of the prophet, 'Before they call I will answer, and
while they are yet speaking I will hear.' - In the silent aspirations
of the heart - our trust and confidence in the faithfulness of a prayer
hearing and prayer answering God who is still good to Israel, are
often miraculously renewed. May we all, dear friends, be encouraged
in every extremity, to offer our humble petitions in the name of Him
whom the Father hath alwaye, that he would keep us in His
Holy hand, and enable us, under every vicissitude, to hold fast
the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end.

Our hearts return with affectionate regard to those in
the morning of life. May this interesting class be induced to
yield their hearts more fully to the operations of the Holy Spirit,
to come to Jesus and receive the forgiveness of their sins, and then,
resting in the belly of the new-celled earthenware, a faithful witness is abiding,

they will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ - a blessed
concerning will be imminent, and they will be made pillars in the house
of your Lord.

It is, on every side, a trial of the diligence in good
works manifested among you young people - and then of that day
coming up, when we have done, that they are not their own, but are
bought with a price, i.e. the blood of our blessed Savior, and
unreality must fully be consecrated to their Lord, the gift which cometh
from Him alone, yet always never losing that it is not by
works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his mercy
he saveth us - and that watchfulness and prayer are required, but
self should be exalted and the sacrifice be marred.

We believe that it may be said, at this time, that the ancient
prophecy has been verified in our midst - I will be a the desert unto
Israel - and the gentle and professing, as well as the unconverted and
infidel influences of the spirit have, we heartily acknowledge, been
felt amongst us.

We have had the acceptable company of our friends William
Green from Ireland and several dear friends from other
Friends Meetings, whose fervency and Gospel clear have been
edifying and instructive to us.

And now, dear Sisters, with fervent aspirations that,
in this day of conflict and deep sorrow, the plan of God,
which permitteth all understanding, may keep your hearts and
minds, through Christ Jesus, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

10th Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Fall River
Dear Sisters.

We feel, in addressing you at this time, a deep
sense of the love of kindness and tender regard of our Heavenly
Father, and can fully adopt the words of the apostle - When
we boast, we boast in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
Mercies and the God of all comfort who comforteth us in all

in tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

How precious is the bond of sympathy felt between hearts that have been touched with a sense of redeeming love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. How, however widely separated, are drawn together in spirit, and are made partakers of the same joys, and in these days of outward communion and trial, how consoling is the assurance - The Lord reigneth - As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people.

Our Epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, has been listened to with deep interest - encouraging many hearts, and confirming the declaration - that one is our master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. Surely there are then that can testify - He is not an hard master, but a rich rewarder of all those who diligently seek and serve Him - affording that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

Our meeting has been large, and during the several meetings, a precious sense of the presence of Him, who hath promised to be with them who are gathered in His name, has been felt in our midst. During the reading of the Gospels, and answers from the different Meetings, much excellent counsel and admonition were extended to the various classes.

Mother, we very tenderly instructed to practice, daily, the reading the Holy Scriptures with their children, and watch carefully the choice of their books - and the young and inexperienced to guard against unprofitable reading, the impressions of which, when suffered to enter the mind, many have acknowledged, with sorrow, they have found difficult to eradicate.

The London printed Epistle for 1861. has been read at this time - the instruction, clear, and comprehensive sentiments contained therein, are truly inspiring and seem a like precious ointment found forth, the odour filling the house.

We have had the acceptable company of William Green from Ireland, with many dear friends from different Yearly Meetings on this continent, whose services with the gospel have been comforting and encouraging to us. may their labors be blessed by the Lord, who alone can give the increase.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all. With the salutation of love, from your friends
"Signed" by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Isaac H. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Woman Friends

New Notes;

Through the condescending goodness of our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to convene in a yearly meeting capacity, and notwithstanding our weariness, we have acknowledged the continuance of His love, by a manifestation of His presence amongst us, while harmoniously laboring together in the transaction of the weighty affairs of the church.

We have been led, dear Sisters, to remember you with feelings of affectionate interest, situated as you are in the midst of the strife of arms. And our desire for you all, that you may be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; that you may abide in Christ, in all sufficient armour, and know Him to be the Rock of your defense.

The present condition of our beloved country is cause of heart felt sorrow and humiliation to all who love the Saviour, and are willing to enlist under his banner and to labor for the promotion of the cause of peace and righteousness in the earth. For our Saviour we are afflicted, may we all upon whom this great national calamity has fallen, submit patiently unto the chastening rod, until our wealth in Heaven is pleased to say - It is enough, and in His wisdom to stay the desolating scourge of war. Oh may He hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they cast any more.

On entering upon the consideration of the state of Society much concern has been felt by the living members of the church, all have been encouraged to keep close to the witness of God in their own hearts, and to yield obedience to the manifestation of His will, that they may experience a growth in grace and an establishment in the Truth as it is in Jesus.

The subject of light reading has claimed much attention and we greatly desire that the members of our beloved society, every where, both Elders and younger, may be watchful on this account. In this day of culture and refinement, much is written to please the imagination which has a tendency to draw the mind from serious and profitable reading. And we much desire that through all our beloved Society an increased interest may be felt in the study and knowledge of

The Holy Scriptures, which, through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, are able to make us unto salvation.

We have received interesting Epistles from all the yearly meetings with whom we correspond, except yours - which has been prevented from reaching us by causes which we deeply deplore - and these tokens of Christian fellowship have been comforting and strengthening to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend William Green from Ireland and several dear friends from neighboring yearly meetings whose company and gospel labors have been truly refreshing to our minds.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters,

In attempting to address you at this time, the query arises in our hearts - who is sufficient for these things? - for truly we have felt, that of ourselves we can do nothing - that we have no might or power of our own, and it is only as ability is afforded by Him who is the our Helper of His people, that we can perform acceptable service in His church - but when we reflect on the boundless love and tender compassion of our Heavenly Father towards his poor humbling children, we are encouraged to believe that, as we ask in faith, and with prayer and supplication make our requests known unto God - He will help our infirmities and give us strength to labor for the advancement of His blessed cause, for which end, this interchange of pure gospel feeling has been established amongst us. Can we not individually testify that these communications have often passed as a savor of life unto life, - refreshing and encouraging to all them who are asking the way to Zion, with their faces turned thitherward.

We, as members together at this time, our hearts have been deeply affected in reading of the trials the Ch. has suffered in the

removal by death of many valiant worthies, from our midst, who have long stood as pillars in the cause of Christ, and who are far more in honor taken in heaven, but also we men, we mostly believe, receiving the reward of their labors. Bless on the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

The attendance of this yearly Meeting has been large, and it is with feelings of thankfulness that we are permitted again to sit in Christian fellowship, and to partake together of the excellent counsel which has been imparted. All have been encouraged to improve the talents committed to their keeping, and though some may be led into new and untried paths, may Christian labor and be exercised toward such until tried by the test prescribed by our Saviour himself - By their fruits ye shall know them.

The benefit of a frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, has been fully alluded to, and the necessity of a familiar acquaintance with the truths therein contained, has been urged upon us, as being profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The civil war now raging in our beloved Country, covers our spirits with the deepest sorrow, and while we feel that, as a nation, we are verily guilty in the sight of God, and that like the Jews of old, He has visited us for our departure from His holy law, yet may we be encouraged, to break off our sins by righteousness, and our importunity of showing mercy and as a nation, may we lift up in hearts of prayer to our Heavenly Father, whom we have offended, that he will enable us to put away from our land, the sin of slavery, which is the moving cause of this great calamity. In this season of deep affliction, may we endeavor, like the Royal Psalmist, to remember that, it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man - it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in things. If the God of Jacob is our refuge we need not fear. The Lord will give strength unto His people, the Lord will bless His people with peace.

We have at this time the acceptable Company of a liberal sum of William Gray from Ireland, with the rest of the day's guests, being a number of friends in town; and on a early days the church was

represented by the Coming of Peter, so have we been reproached and
accused of this gospel later among us.

In conclusion, we would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your
Salutary and Sympathizing Epistle of last year - and in a measure of
that love which extends to the whole household of faith we bid you
fare well.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah A. Tolsey Clark

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Through the goodness and mercy of our Father in
Heaven, we are again permitted to meet in this our annual assembly
to transact the business pertaining to our Religious Society, and
have full in spirit, a good measure, inward and outward by the
Holy Spirit of the dear Lord and Master, to the refreshing of many
hearts - And you, dear friends, have, by the saving of your
acceptable Epistle, been brought fully to our remembrance,
and whilst we too "deeply feel the responsibility which rests upon
us as a Society, and upon each individual member thereof", our
hearts truly respond to the language of the dear Saviour - that of
yourselves, you can do nothing - Yet we have been encouraged to
look unto Him who said, - in me is Everlasting Strength -
and with heart uplifted to Him who still remains to be the
unslumbering Shepherd of Israel, we have desired to draw near,
and still nearer together within his precious fold, that so, while
the storm and the tempest prevail, and the sound of war is heard in
ear land, we may, with singleness of heart, look unto Him, not
burying carnal weapons, but in them which are mighty through
God.

And we continue to feel an earnest desire that the testimony
which we, as a Society, have long but called upon to bear to the
world, against Slavery, may still be upheld - and that we may
not, either in conduct or conversation give countenance to this
system of bondage and oppression - but rather by the influence which
we may have the means of exerting, as well as by our intercessions at

the throne of Grace, that we may be instrumental in hastening the coming of that day when every yoke of bondage shall be broken in the offend gr spn.

The business of this meeting has been conducted in much harmony - a sweet feeling of umb bay been prevalent at our several sittings, and much weighty counsel has been imparted to us - the afflicted and desponding ones have been tenderly sympathized with and encouraged to come to the blessed Saviour - Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest - take my yoke upon you and learn of me who am much and truly in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls. The youth - of whom there is a very interesting company now with us - have had much instruction and counsel imparted to them, and we earnestly desire that this portion of your Society, till with you and us, may come now, in the morning of life, and serve the living God. Mothers have been encouraged to gather their children around them and attend the appointed day of reading the Holy Scriptures, believing, if they were faithful in this duty, they would be strengthened morally to approach the Throne of Grace in their behalf, and then bring them to Jesus.

We have, at this time, the acceptable Company of our beloved friend William Green from Ireland, who comes with the gospel, with two of other dear Friends in attendance, here to edify us -

Finally, dear Sisters, farewell - Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of our mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Trustees
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Albion. Under a renewed sense of the extension of
the same favor and regard, or would take you in the gospel

fellowship and love, deriving our may all keep demands the Great Head of the Church, as to feel the baptizing influence of the Spirit to abide in us. Still, O ye Lord, in thine administration and praise. His gracious assurance still remains from encouragement — Call upon me in the day of trouble, Thou deliver thou, and then shall glorify me — and again — The name of the Lord is a strong tower — the righteous runneth into it and are safe. See not thy day of darkness and of dread, call loudly upon us to take this place of safety, when, amid the many outward difficulties that afflict our peaceful country, the church of Christ may be purified from, spotless and unblamable, always abounding in the worth of the Judge.

Yours acceptable Epistle of 9th Month last has been read at this time much to our satisfaction — Very precious to us is this Correspondence — May it serve, not only to勸 us more closely to the amateur, but also to bind us with stronger bonds of love to the Beloved of souls.

We are favored this year with the company of a large number of our dear youth, whose serious deportment bespeaks for them that they have been with Jesus, and are desirous of following him in the path of dedication.

We believe the present has been a remarkable time of upholding from His presence, and our desire, an apostle and a kind, that all, both old and young, who have been truly baptized in Christ may so abide in him, as to bring forth largely of the fruits of righteousness, which shall endure unto eternal life — and may those who labor and are heavy laden, come unto Him and find rest, never leaving the promise — If thou shalt seek the Lord, thy God, then shalt find him, if thou seek him will all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Let them who have not yet experienced the remission of their sin, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ, bear in mind, that to the depth of the earth shall no foul living be justified — A mere sum of Godlivers, unattested by the power thereof will avail nothing in that trying hour when the darts of man's heart are revealed.

May we bid, then, the injunction of our Saviour, to claim first, the inside of the cup and the platter, that the outside

may be clean also, looking for salvation to the Lamb of God
which taketh away the sin of the world - that He, who alone
hath power on earth to forgive sins, may speak pardon and peace
to our afflicted souls. Then are we prepared to occupy the talents
committed to us, & the edification of the Church and the Glory of God.

We are glad to learn that an increased interest is manifested
among you in the Bible, and its literal circulation.

The Establishment of First Day Schools, under the direction
of best wisdom, in every town, to the promotion of vital re-
ligion - still they should not supersede the important duty
of daily assembling the family to read a portion of the Holy
Scriptures, accompanied with a solemn pause, to wait upon
the Lord, for the spirit of awaiting supplication).

We have the acceptable company of William Green from
Ireland, together with several Ministers, from neighboring yearly
Meetings, when gospel labors, with the blessing of Heaven, have,
we trust, tended to increase our faith and hope in the
Redeemer.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
Worship, held at Rhode Island, commencing with
public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth,
on First day the 14th, and for discipline at Newport, on
Second day morning, the 15th of 6th Month, 1863.

By the rights received from our Quarterly Meetings, it
appears that the following Friends have been appointed
Representatives to this Meeting as:

From Rhode Island — Elizabeth Meader, Hildelie M.
Brock, Abby C. Gifford, Hannah B. Williams,
Elizabeth Peckham, Mary A. Collins, Joanna M.
Pine, Deborah Montague, Robert B. Buffington,
Mary Ann Allen, and Mary A. Smith.

From Salem — Elizabeth Gee, Mary E. Reed, Mary
Alice Brown, Rebecca C. Husman, Hannah
Paige, Deborah H. Cushman, Elizabeth Page, Anna
B. Price, Linda Tuxton, and Ruth J. Challen.

From Fawcett — Phoebe R. Gifford, Lydia Corden,
Rachael S. Montague, Elizabeth C. May, Sarah
M. Easton, Maria Sherman, Elizabeth Stittor,
Maria Brown, Rebecca Ann Gifford and Mary
G. Macomber.

From Falmouth — Patience Y. B. Weston, Lucia J. Rich,
Juliette Pope, Jane C. Minot, Sally Khan, Emma
Lay, Lucy H. Goddard and Alizair Goddard.

From Smithfield — Anne A. Collier, Minnie Hamann,
Alizair S. Yatto, Mary A. Randall, and Lucy
J. Payson.

From Tiverton — Ann Eliza Lang, Rebecca Taylor,
Ann Jones, Eliza Gardner, Elvira T. Standish,
Sarah H. Partridge, Sarah E. Jones, and Martha
Pratt.

From New — Cynthia Buffum, Hannah G. Farmer, Sarah
P. Little, Eliza P. Lang and Phoebe A. Meader.

From Pawtucket — Betsy J. Wally, Patience A. Ward,

May J. Paig, May Gifford and Sarah S. Thurman,
who are present except nine, for the absence of a part of whom
satisfactory liaison, are assigned.

By the Report from the Quarterly Meeting, it appears
that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving
the public appearance in the Ministry of Cynthia Weston,
and with Saugus Monthly Meeting in a similar
recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Hull,
also with the latter meeting, in the appointment of Sarah
Glade to the Station of Elder. William F. Perry, an
Elder and member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting,
died on the 4th of 8th Month 1862, aged 63 years, 5
months and 3 days. Jonathan Cudron, an Elder
and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died
on the 21st of 7th Month 1862, aged 98 years, 7
months and 5 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Newell
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph H. Waag
and of Alice B. Waag to the Station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united
with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of
Nathan Wing and Mary R. Wing to the Station of Elder.
Martial Gifford, a member and Elder of Sandwich Monthly
Meeting deceased, 7th Month 20th 1862, aged 82 years 8
months and 4 days. Nathan Wing, an Elder and Member
of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st Month 13th 1863, aged
58 years 10 months, 16 days.

Falmouth has united with Windham Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Caleb Ely and George Douglas to the
Station of Elder, and with Windham Monthly Meeting, in
the appointment of Jane Pope to the same Station. Mercy
Purcell, a member and Elder of Windham Monthly Meeting,
died 13th of 7th Month 1862, aged 65 years 9 months and
23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting
in the appointment of Ruth M. Battie to the Station of
Elder. Buffum Chase an Elder and member of Smithfield

Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th March 1862, aged
83 years 4 months, 11 days

Tarzwell has united with Tarzwell Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Rachel T. Nichols and Mary J. Nichols
to the Station of Elder.

Quar has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in
the appointment of Joshua Nelson and Stephen Wade to
the Station of Elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Alden Sampson to the Station of Elder.

Purely and acceptably spirits from our Sisters of
London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and Weston Park
Meetings, have been acceptably read, and this intercourse
which has so long and so interestingly existed between us
and our dear absent Sisters, has seemed exceedingly sweet
and precious to us at this time. May the trials, the sorrows,
and the afflictions of which they breathe and which we believe
have drawn us in true Christian sympathy and fellowship
very near to each other, teach us at the same time to place
all our trust and all our confidence in Him from whom
our blessings flow. We appoint the following Friends to
consider the subject, and as may may open for it, prepare
essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz.

Sarah F. Tobe, Horace D. Tucker, Hetyl P. Wood, Anna
G. Wood, Susan Taler, Rebecca C. Kinnear, Emma W. Boyd,
Elizabeth C. Wing, Gertrude H. Cattell, Mary D. Bradford,
Phoebe M. Meader, Lydia P. Hy, Abigail S. Wall, Eliza
Hall, Olivia C. Oliver, Rebecca Smiley, Maria Chase,
Julia H. Stanton, Rachel T. Nichols, Phoebe R. Gifford,
Sibyl Jones, Susan Wheland, Rhoda M. Taler, Mary H.
Atwater, Horace D. Robinson, Sarah S. Jones, Elizabeth
Meader, Elizabeth Gove, Mercy K. Wing, Gertrude Partridge,
Jane C. Minot, Louisa Osborn, Cynthia Bowen, Lydia
Piper, Eliza P. Varnum, Ann Elmira Lang, Ann L. Hale,
Harriet A. Jones, and Mary A. Smith.

We appoint Mary Shaw, Lydia Congdon, Hannah H.
Peckham, Lydia J. Chase, Hannah Morill and

Hannah G. Sawyer, to prepare a summary from the
Answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the rise
of this Meeting to answer upon the subject of Clerks, and
Report this afternoon.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, and agreeably to adjournment.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, reported
that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobe for Clerk
and Eliza W. Boyce for assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory
to the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the
ensuing year.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of
our beloved friends, Thomas Smith, of Raisin Monthly Meeting,
Michigan, Elmo Ozburn, of Galion Monthly Meeting, Iowa,
William H. Chan, of Gaspoe Monthly Meeting, New York,
Edward Jenkins, of Galion Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Phoebe G.
Underhill, of Almonville Monthly, New York, Jane Jones of
Money Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Eliza Brown, of
West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West, and Mary Elliott
of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio. satisfactory certificates
from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them
as ministers, and with their present religious engagements,
have been read.

We have also the company of our beloved friends Amos A.
W. Nixon, companion to our friend, Jane Jones, and
Elizabeth Jenkins, who accompanied her husband Edward
Jenkins, from whose respective meetings minutes have been
read, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with
their present engagement.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company
of our dear friend Lemuel P. Clarke, companion to our
friend Thomas Smith; Nathan S. Bond, companion
to our friend Elmo Ozburn; Richard Nixon, accom-
panying our friend Jane Jones; Hale Griffin, companion
to our friend Phoebe G. Underhill, and Rachel Cookhill,

Company to our friend Eliza Duer. Satisfaction
has been found in these religious meetings, especially
with them as members, and with their present engagement,
have been received and read.

We have also in attendance at this time, several dear
friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings without Anti-slavery,
whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to ten O'clock tomorrow Morning.

Third Day Morning 6th Month 16^t. Met at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of last year have been read.

Entered upon the State of Society by reading the Queries and
Answers, and proceeded as far as the 8^t, inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and the
consideration of this important portion of the business that
claimed our attention was felt to be one of deep interest:
a solemn covering was spread over us, and we were encouraged
to a faithful support and maintenance of all our Christian
testimonies.

The deficiency in regard to the due attendance of our
religious meetings has awakened a deep concern at this
time, and the query has arisen, who are they that small the
number that make up the deficiency? Is it the mothers? Is
it the daughters? Is it the mothers with families of small
children around them? These are often embarrassed with many
care, obstacles present on the right hand and on the left,
and the way for the attendance of our meetings may, at times,
seem to be closed. A tender sympathy has been expressed
for this class, and we have been exhorted to bear in mind, that
all we have is in His hand, who can prosper or can blight
our noble efforts. and the belief has been expressed, if we

for the Lord with all our hearts, with all our mind and
with all our strength, that when the morning came for
assembling to worship Him, we should find a way to
be made for us in a manner that might sometimes
seem marvellous in our eyes.

The subject of sleeping in our religious meetings has
claimed our attention at this time, and we have been anxious
not to give way to this temptation of the enemy, who dares to
enter with us even into the sanctuary, and then to spread
his net over us, and who will bring upon us a spirit of
drowsiness, when he would not venture to approach us in
a more open way. Many an honest enquirer, many a
true worshipper, has, at times, known something of this
trial — some thing of the prevalence of that spirit which
goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Let us, then,
pray without ceasing, for strength to overcome the tempta-
tions of this unclean enemy. Let us seek to draw nigh
unto God, and He will draw nigh unto us, and will hew
forth the head that will sustain our drooping souls.

We believe that a prayer has been raised at this time
that our members every where may be preserved in love one
unto another. Let us enter into a close examination of
ourselves and see how it is with us — where there is the least
deficiency in this respect, there will be detraction, but when
the heart is filled with love there is no room for a spirit
of bitterness; it has no place there. "By this," said our
beloved Savior, "shall all men know that ye are my
disciples if ye have love one unto another."

Mother, have been tenderly entreated to the observance
of great care and watchfulness in the education and
training of their children, and to seek for ability to go
in and out before them, as become, the followers of Jesus,
bearing in mind that precept is of little value except it
be enforced by example. May we manifest to them by a
true inward life, that we are seeking a city which hath foundations,
whose maker and builder is God.

Our invitation has been afresh extended to our beloved
young people, to come to Jesus — to live now in the morning

of this day, just as they are, to Him who never said to any
Sickening soul, Wait a little longer; but this invitation is universal
Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved.
If we come to Him hungry, he will feed us, and if we are
thirsty He will give us to drink of the water of life freely, even
of that water of which, if a man drink, he shall never
thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up
into everlasting life.

In the exercises of this Meeting from its commencement,
through its various sittings, there has been evidently a fresh
flow of sympathy for those in affliction, many of whom are
present on this occasion. The state of our beloved country has
plunged us into great suffering, and dipped us into deep feeling
now with another. Trials, the knowness of which is known
only to Him, who, in His unerring wisdom has permitted
them, have been the portion of many stricken ones. To such
the language has been, — trust in God. He who punished
his servant Joshua, to command the sun to stand still
upon Gideon, and the moon to be stand in the valley of
Ajalon, and it was done, is the same merciful and loving
Father now that ever He was, and is able to aise for our
deliverance as He was for Israel of old. Not looking unto
man but unto God; let us put all our trust and all our
confidence in Him. Let us unitedly bless His hallowed
name for mercies past, and trust in Him for all that is to
come.

Truthfully, as we believe, has the spirit of prayer ascended
from many hearts for the sick and wounded soldiers;
and while we feel impressively the importance of maintaining
our testimony faithfully against all war and fighting, as
inconsistent with the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ, may we continue to bear this upon our hearts in
sincere prayer, and are truly the means with which we
have been blessed, for their succor and relief. We rejoice
to believe that there are those of our Society who have gone
as ministering angels to the abodes of suffering and
death — have poured the oil and wine into their bleeding
hearts, — have spoken to them of Jesus, and pointed them

to Heaven. Blest privilege! May we be concerned
individually to do all our duty, as we have, said to do.

The following is a summary of the answers received viz.

Ans: 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline
have been attended except a few small meetings for
worship which have been several times omitted on
account of sickness and inclement weather. Those
on First day by the greater part of our members.
While there continues to be levityness in the performance
of this important duty, on the part of some, especially
in regard to those held in the middle of the week both
for worship and discipline. The hour rarely observed.
Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping and other
unbecoming behaviour when assembled. Some
care has been taken with regard to the above named
deficiencies.

Ans: 2^d. Peace and unity are in a good degree maintained
by most Friends, and we believe Friends are generally
careful to guard against detraction - day of differences
except in two meetings - where care has been taken.

Ans: 3^e. We believe there is a concern among us to bring up
thus under our care in a consistent degree of plainness,
although a deficiency is apparent - We think a
greater care is needful in regard to reading and
conversation. Mostly careful to set good examples.
The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends
families.

Ans: 4th. Mostly careful to observe the several requisitions
of this Query, except a few instances of attending
places of public resort, on which account care has
been taken.

Ans: 5th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected
and their necessities relieved. The children partake
of learning - now placed from among Friends.

Ans: 6th. We believe there is a care with most parents and
heads of families, with the young and unmarried that

procuring with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline; yet there have been several instances of accomplishing marriage out of the order of our Society, which are mostly under notice.

Ques: 7th Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the Moral requisitions of this Query, except two instances of a past ministry.

Ans: 8th Friends are generally careful in these respects.

Ans: 9th Care is taken in regard to records. Some deficiencies respecting certificates, which are under notice.

Ans: 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in good measure as quickly after, and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been drawn and accepted, and the Committee appointed who served last year. The Report is as followz. viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report that they have attended to their appointment and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87. viz 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been, - Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; also M. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Powell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Achelby, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Price, assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; also Gundelot, Teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term Rebecca L. Wing, and in the winter term Jessie P. King were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on first day mornings, which have been uniformly

Satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings
of Friends, in the city, on First day afternoon, and in the
middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally
very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was
interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of
pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and
proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heusler, Chap. of
Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of
age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chap. His dispensation
of Hiram Burdick was thus noted in the minutes of the
Committee:—"The removal by death of one of the pupils,
alone referred to, introduced us into a reverie and solemn
sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts
were exercised in sympathy for the relatives, in the humble
trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that
our Almighty Father may be a present help in their
sore affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following
communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:

Providence 9th month 10th 1862

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Dear Friends:

My father, Elmer Metcalf, having in his
will bequeathed to the yearly Meeting Boarding School,
after my decease, under circumstances therein specified,
Sixty five shares of the Capital Stock of the Manufacturing
Bank, in Providence (par value \$6,000); One hundred
and three shares of the Phoenix Bank, Providence, (par
value \$6,000) One hundred shares of the New England
Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value \$5,000);
and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank,
(par value \$5,000), for the education of poor children, in
that Institution, now being desired in my life time, to
contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I

have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School House
to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated in this
letter in order by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a
copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present,
reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children
whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said
income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations
of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution.

I am your friend

Jacob Metcalf."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following
minute was placed upon our records, viz -

This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob
Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove
a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting.
We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a
desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping
hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for use-
fulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor
may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical
Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished
with a telescope, transit instrument and clock; the expense of
these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of
a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally
an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking
telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide
for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working
practical problems by means of well constructed instruments of
moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to
the use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this
way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the Committee to examine the accounts of the
Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year
have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products
of the farm and fifty two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer

of the School House, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars, remain, in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the House and erecting the observatory, and further expenditure, will soon be necessary for keeping the building in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principal, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Faculty Boarding; \$30 for members of other Faculty Boarding, and when one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any other, payable in all cases in advance, and that \$5. additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scripture, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

Gillot Congdon, Clerk

Prixdale 3rd Month, 12th 1863.

Note.—The summer term, 1863, closes 3rd of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863-4 commences on Fourth day, the 14th of 11th Month, and closes the 23rd of 2^d Month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences Fourth day, the 11th of 5th month.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed

of all in this Yearl Mting that desire to occupy place, in
the School, in order that they may determine how many others,
if any, may be received. Application should therefor be made
for members of our Yearl Mting in season to be consid^rd by the
Committee at their meetings held in the Third and Ninth
months. At these meetings, applications for members of our
Yearl Mting will have precedence of all others, after which they
will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Application, for the benefit of the "Chautauk fund" or of the
Jacob Mcaulay donation, will also be determined at the times
above specified, and in all these cases information is desired
of the age, moral habit and literary acquirements of the
applicants, to aid the Committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars
shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of
the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if
circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to
be given to the Principal, within one week of that time,
stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for
them. A failure to attend the School, after giving the notice above
specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege,
unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of
pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School,
it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be
expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Address

Albert K. Smiley

Principal Friday Evening School

Providence, R.I.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning. — Met at 10 o'clock.

The Circular printed Epistle of 1842 has been read, and the
course and caution that it contains, seem peculiarly adapted
to our present condition. May the truth, which it inculcates,
find a place in every heart.

An address from our beloved friend William Green, of
Tulane, who was in attendance of this Mting last year,

has been acceptably read. The spirit of love which it breathes, and the evident concern manifested for the prosperity of Truth, and for the healing of breaches, have met a response in this Meeting, and the message is gratefully received.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock.

Afternoon.—Met at 4. O'clock.

The record of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matters of much interest, being furnished us by our Friends, have been acceptably read, and have introduced our minds, into much feeling exercise.

Crags of Equity to our Sib'ly of London, Hallow, South Carolina, Indiana, Weston and Iowa Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet to-morrow afternoon.

Fourth Day Afternoon 6th Month, 18th, met at 4 O'clock.

The Representatives being called are present, except six.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which is interesting and acceptable to us, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, advise that in New England the subject of education is claiming a large share of public attention, and that the members of this Yearly Meeting are not only deeply interested in the Boarding School at Providence and the Oak Grove Seminary at Narragansett, which the Committee believe are now in a more flourishing condition, but that many of them are associated with their fellow citizens, in the different localities where they reside, in the superintendence and welfare of our public schools. We do not purpose, therefore, to enter upon the consideration of this subject in all its various features of interest, but to offer, in connection with the usual

State the information, a few suggestions, touching the importance of maintaining a still deeper interest in the religious instruction of our members; for we feel that in this respect, we have sustained a great loss.

We have obtained, in answer to circulars addressed to the different Monthly Meetings, and otherwise, the following information. The response was received from the Monthly Meetings.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting between,	{	
the ages of 5 and 18 years is		3586.
The number between 15 and 21, is		471.
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools		2
The , , Pupillary Meeting Schools		1
The " , Family Schools		8
Whole number attending School		895.
" " taught by Friends		388.
" " Engaged in teaching		135
Number of numbers obtaining an educational Academy,	{	
a College, not under the care of Friends.		33.
Number of First Day Schools		50
Average time of these schools		8 months
Whole number attending First Day Schools		1428.
Number of Friends' children		472
" of Teachers		193
" of Bible classes		32
" attending Bible classes		694
" of Friends attending		521.

It will be seen, that during the past year, the number of First-day Schools has been increased by 17. (or more than one half) and that to the number of persons receiving instruction in these schools, 581 have been added. Also, that the number of additional Bible classes is 25 and that the additional numbers of Bible classes are 471. This, the Committee consider most gratifying intelligence, for it not only shows an increasing interest in the establishment of schools, for the Scriptural instruction of the youth, but evinces, on the part of our older Friends, a desire to strengthen and encourage these by their pecuniary

and they are all mutually confuted. And the advantages of such Society are not confined to our own members, for it will be perceived, that only about one-third part of the whole number are members of our Religious Society.

In this way, there is an opportunity presented for extending our usefulness, in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, which should be the chief object in all our educational efforts. And while we rejoice at the indications of interest manifested in the "Boarding School" and other institutions of learning, for permitting a thorough practical education, and the new zeal exhibited in opening schools, for the study of the sacred scripture, which have done so much to exalt and bless man; we would remind Friends, and especially our younger members who occupy the interesting and responsible position of parents, not to forget, that the family circle is, after all, the most important in which our children are placed; for it is here that the character of the man, for good or for evil, is generally formed. Hence the importance of determining what that home influence shall be, bearing in mind that it is operating hourly upon hearts of immortal beings, during the period when those hearts are most susceptible of influence. Let no want of sympathy with children or elders and restraint exist, to make home less attractive than the places and company which lead the soul astray from virtue. But let the chain and freedom of love pervade the home of every child, and then shall home influence be always lovely to him, and always sacred.

By the direction of the Committee

John S. Cushman, Clark

And the Committee is requested and requested to attend to the names confided to them, to report to the meeting next year, with the substitution of Phoebe M. Mauder, and Deborah H. Walker, in place of Aligail M. Stanton, and Eunice Winslow, removed from their respective Monthly Meetings.

Essays of Esteem to our sisters, of New York, Baltimore and this Yearly Meeting, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, with those read at a

same setting, and forward them to their Meeting respectively.
The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following
Minute for our friend Phoebe G. Underhill, viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Phoebe G. Underhill, attended this
Meeting. Her company and religious services have been
acceptable to us."

And similar ones for our friends Jane Jones, Eliza Brewer
and Mary Elliott.

The Clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for
our friend Asenath St. Nixon, viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Asenath St. Nixon, attended this
Meeting. Her Company and Solid deportment have been
acceptable and satisfactory to us."

And similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Jenkins, Phoebe
Griffin, and Rachel Conklin.

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this Meeting
to be printed, for distribution amongst its members.

The business of the Meeting is closed; and as the moment
approaches for us to separate, no truer truth than every heart is
taught in gratitude to Him, who has, through the various
sittings of this Yearly Meeting, been to us, "as a cloud of dew
in the heat of harvest." We may, perhaps, in days that are to
come, turn back to this season of favor, and in remembrance
of the mercies of our God, be strengthened, refreshed and comforted.
To Him be all the glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

We conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year,
if the Lord permits,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epiſtle,

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the
15th to the 19th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1863.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sisters

Failing - never more deeply - our inability, without help from on high, to perform any service acceptable to God, or to the edification one of another; yet failing also - never more fully and comfortingly - the truth of the assurance, that in Christ, our Saviour, dwelleth all fulness, and that His gracious aid is never withheld from those who ask it in faith, we offer you the salutation of our Christian love.

Your lively and acceptable Epistles of the past and present years have been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement, and we have felt the assurance of your sympathy with us to be very precious. We are indeed greatly tried, and our fidelity to the doctrines we profess of following a Saviour whose mission was to bring "peace on Earth, and good will to men", is put to a severe test. But in all, and through all, our trust in God "who doeth according to His will, in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth," remains unshaken. Blest be His name. And if, far we feel to be the case, we are being chastened for our sin, may we, as a nation, as a society and as individuals, "humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God," and feel the necessity, "when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, that the inhabitants of the world should learn righteousness". Whenever great calamities, may we be made willing to say, "It is not the Eye pitiful, nor thy hand spare", till thy work is accomplished; till every bond is broken and every bondman is made a free-man by thy mighty power. Pray for us, dear Sisters, that our faith fail not, but that we may be enabled, in humility and patience, with "a hope and quiet trust" wait for the salvation of the Lord.

"He shall also be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."

"Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Never were these assurances more precious to our souls.

This, our annual assembly has been large, and has, as we humbly trust and believe, been graciously owned by the Head of the Church. The gospel has been preached to us its warnings and its consolations, and we have rejoiced anew in the assurance, that in our Father's house is bread enough and to spare. May He who should any soul perish of hunger? Let our dear young sisters, both with you and us, be encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace, to come just as they are, and make their wants known to their living Saviour, the friend of their souls. If any hunger He is the bread of life, if any thirst He is the living water.

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate
Sister,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To Hallow Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Sisters.

Through the goodness of our heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to come up to the place where prayer is most to be made, and thus convene as a Yearly Meeting. In the communications received from our beloved absent sisters, the expressions of feeling sympathy have been exceeding sweet and precious to our spirits. The deep laptimes through which we are passing, have brought us nearer to each other in Christian love, and the hearing of your late Epistle, so fraught with tenderness, has been as healing balm to our bruised hearts.

Our beloved country is still under the chastening hand of a just God, and we mould earnestly pray to be found patiently waiting before him - adopting the language, "Let me thine hand spare my thine eye pity, until thou bring forth judgment unto victory." For we know that righteousness only exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

We fervently desire that while our country is being purified as by fire, we as a Society may be found steadfast, trusting only in the Lord - and as individuals, we may seek "to know our duty, and do what our hands find to do with our might, looking unto Jesus. Then shall come to pass the saying - "Blessed is that people whose God the Lord is."

Our Meeting has been large, and the fates of many of the Lord's Messengers have been guided hither. Great council has been given to all to seek a higher spiritual life, that life which is hid with Christ in God - then shall we find that if sorrows abound, consolation does much more abound. And He who knoweth all things and has promised to be with them that fear him, will draw nigh unto us. And we believe prayer has arisen from the alter of many hearts, that through all our trials (the number of which none can know but God alone) we may be brought nearer, Oh God! to thee, nearer to thee.

Finally, dear Sisters, we commend you to God and the word of His grace, asking only that when our race is run, we, with you, and with all the ransomed offshoots Christ, our Lord, may be presented faultless before His Father's Throne.

Yours by direction and on behalf of the Meeting;
Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sister

We bid to salute you in the love of the

Gospel of Christ - this blessed token of discipleship, so filling the heart that we can truly hope that we have passed from death into life. It is for the salvation of our souls and for that of others that we are called so earnestly to seek and labor. It is not to have a name to live while we are yet dead but to know by reputation toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, that our sins are washed away in His all-availing blood, preparing the heart for the impress of His own blessed image, whereby is manifested in the daily walk of the redeemed spirit, that newness of life - the legitimate fruits of the new birth. "Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again", applies to us with all the significance with which it was presented by the Savior of the world. We would reverently acknowledge that a Father's love, unmistakable in its blessed effects has been felt in our midst, directly by the ministry of His Spirit to the solemnizing and comforting of our hearts before Him and instrumentally to the comfort of many. The aged and infirm have been tenderly borne in our hearts before the throne of Grace with desire that when the few remaining days of their pilgrimage are ended, they may be permitted to join the just of all generations in celebrating the praises of Him who has redeemed them with His own precious blood. The mothers have been exhorted earnestly to labor by prayer and example for the conversion of their children, that the cause of Truth be upheld and adored by us as a people. There has also been an expression of deep sympathy for those whose hearts are bleeding at the remembrance of loved ones, engaged in the fearful strife of contending foes; and the prayer has gone up that the healing balm may not only be applied to their suffering hearts, but that the protecting arms of a pitying Savior may be thrown around them, that His name may be magnified in the salvation of even those that have not yet learned Christ's gospel of peace and good will. The poor in spirit have been much encouraged - the backsliders admonished and the youth exhorted to seek their Savior and to dedicate their hearts to Him now in the morning of their days.

We have been deeply humbled under a sense of our many sins of omission and commission, as the state of Society has been presented, attended with earnest prayer for a renewal of pure, vital Christianity among us, which is love supreme to God and love to His creatures. When this becomes the moving principle of the soul, we shall love to mingle with our friends in social worship - no improper conduct will mar the sanctity of the engagement, detraction will not only be guarded against, but discarded, for "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"; and if the heart be filled with love there is no room for bitterness.

In conclusion we earnestly desire that "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost may be with you all."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Baltimore.

Dear Sisters

The reading of your interesting and acceptable Epistle of last year has awakened feelings of deep and tender sympathy, and our hearts are touched with a sense of your painful situation at this trying season, when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth; and we have been enabled we trust in some degree to experience the preciousness of the apostolic injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

But strong is our faith, dear sisters, that amid all the tumult and confusion which surround you, as you endeavor quietly to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, as loving, trusting, obedient children, you will be favored to dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and be kept safe as in the hollow of His holy hand. What shall harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? or what shall be able to separate you from

the love of Christ. It is in times of the greatest extremity that the power of our blessed Redeemer is most marvellously displayed. When all earthly props are removed, and the soul, in simple and living faith rests wholly on God, he will not fail to arise for the deliverance of his dependent children.

The attendance of our Yearly Meeting has been unusually large at this time. Many of our young Sisters are present with us, and we believe that the hands of the burden bears have been strengthened by the prayerful intercessions manifested by them. A tender invitation has been extended to them to come to Jesus, just as they are, in all their wants and weakness, trusting assuredly that he will clothe and feed them, and be their sufficiency in all things, give wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

To the afflicted the word of consolation has gone forth, and we have sincerely felt at this time, how exceedingly precious is the office of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter of His people. May we all be quickened and enabled availingly to pray, that we may yet witness a renewed and more abundant outpouring of the Spirit, that "as you abound, grace may much more abound," and amid this fearful conflict and the shaking of all earthly things, souls may be gathered unto Christ.

Now, dear Sisters, we bid you affectionately farewell, fervently desiring that "God may supply all your need according to His riches in glory of Christ Jesus."

Yours of direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sisters,

Another year has passed away, and still the dark cloud of war hangs over our beloved country; and while we lament the sad events which have interrupted a correspondence that on former occasions has proved to us a source of edification and comfort, we are favored at this time to find beneath a quiet

trust that the unslumbering Shepherd, our watchful Heavenly Father, who would cement us together in a holy Christian Sisterhood, and who prompts the feeling of tender solicitude and sympathy, can bear our message as upon the wing of love, above the smoke of battle and the field of death till it reaches an answering cord in the hearts of our dear Southern Sisters. Although, from our location, we may appear somewhat removed from the scene of conflict, we feel that we are indeed participants in all the trials, privations and sorrows of those in more exposed situations, and how sweet the thought that when earthly barriers intervene, our prayers may ascend with yours as from an undivided land, to the ear of the Eternal, that prob'ly before He thine, we may ask that our every affliction may be sanctified, that unbecoming fears may be dispelled, and our wavering faith strengthened. Let us not repine that our lot is cast in this day of peculiar trial - years of almost unbroken prosperity have smiled upon our land, - "Because we had no changes therefore we feared not God." "We have seen the oppression of the poor and violent perverting of justice, our life that is higher than the highest hath regarded." "The spirit of the poor is in our houses." "We are verily guilty concerning our brethren," and would give thanks unto the Lord because of his righteous judgments.

Dear, beloved Sister, let it be our constant prayer, in the midst of perplexity and suffering, that He will uphold our going in His path, that our脚步, slip not; - that, obedient to our Creator, we may be prepared by self-denial and whatever sacrifice may be called for at our hands, to labor willingly and acceptably in our appointed sphere of duty, resuming briefly that as our minds become in tune with the spirit of Him who purchased peace on Earth and good will to men, we shall become peaceful and trustful ourselves, a joy and consolation to the afflicted - a blessing to the lowly or feeble, and, although our Slave Master may lead us into what the world may deem the by-paths of unfruitfulness - the intuited way - a consistent Christian

Crown is a light upon a candlestick - a city upon a hill. -
Heaven grant the sufferings that await us, let us lean upon
the arm of the Deliverer. He will teach us nobly to bear
our Cross, and finally exchange it for a glorious Crown.
He may lead us through the furnace of affliction to purify
our gold & purify us in the fire, but at last He will
welcome all His faithful ones, to a Heavenly Mansion,
with the endearing language, - "Come ye blessed of My Father
inheriting the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation
of the world - verily I say unto you, as ye have done it
unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it
unto Me."

Our Yearly Meeting is very largely attended, and from day
to day, as the weighty affairs of Society have been considered,
we have had reverently to acknowledge, the subduing, har-
monizing influence of that spirit of love and wisdom which
presides over righteously gathered assemblies. Epistles have been
read with acceptance from our Sisters of other Yearly Meetings
and many dear friends from abroad are with us, as Epistles
written in our hearts.

And now, dear sisters, in conclusion, we would commend
you with ourselves, unto Him who is able to keep us from
falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of
His glory with exceeding joy - to the only wise God, our
Savior, be glory and Praise, dominion and power, both
now and forever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting:

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

Although we have received no Epistles from
you at this time, still we feel drawn in the fresh flowings
of that love which unites the hearts of the true disciples of
Christ whenever situated to salute you, praying that

the power of God, which shall all understanding, may yet more and more abound with us, who profess His Holy Name, that so while the powers of the earth are shaken by discord, we may be farre to trust in the name of the Lord, and stay ourselves upon our God.

May in this day your familiar trial, set our obligations to maintain faithfully our allegiance to our Lord, and unite in fervent aspiration of soul, that the shedding of human blood may be stayed, and oppression banished from our borders.

A feeling of tender sympathy has been manifest, at this time, for the afflicted and bereaved ones, who we believe are peculiarly the objects of Divine regard. May this class wherever and however situated, be encouraged to place their hope and trust in God. Then shall we find that if Sorrows abound, Consolations do much more abound, and shall experience the promise of our blessed Saviour to be verified - "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto ye."

We have been blest in this our annual assembly, which has been large, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, causing many, we believe, mentally to exclaim "How goodly are thy tents O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel." And as from day to day, the weighty affairs of Society have been considered, we have had reverently to acknowledge the subduing, harmonizing influence of that Spirit of wisdom and love, which pervades all rightly gathered assemblies.

Much salutary counsel has been imparted, and we have rejoiced much in the assurance that in our Father's house is room enough for all to share - Why should any soul perish of hunger. Let our dear young soldiers, look with you and us, be encouraged to come daily to the throne of grace, to come just as they are, and make known their wants to their living Saviour. If any hunger, He is the bread of life, if any thirst He is the living water —

We have at this time the acceptall company of
several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose
gospel labors have been truly encouraging and strengthening
to us.

Now, the God of peace, that brought from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through
the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect
in every good work to do His will, working in you that
which is well pleasing in His sight & do whom be glory
forever and ever. Amen.

We are in near love and gospel fellowship your
affectionate Sister,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Brethren
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters.

We address you, dear Sisters, under a deep
sense of our great weakness and inability, of ourselves to speak
to the true witness in the heart, but putting the air of that
Holy Spirit which can strengthen us to greet one another
in the fellowship of the truth, and to say, God speed you on
your way! We regret that we have not at this time received
your Sisterly communication, but trust that our Epistolary
correspondence will continue, for in this season of calamity,
while the judgments of the Lord seem truly to be on the Earth,
it is especially more needful for His followers to form a closely
united band, depending for aid and guidance on their Leader,
the Captain of their Salvation.

Our Meeting has been large, and we may fittingly ack-
nowledge that the different Sittings have been covered by the
delineating presence of Him who condescends to be the head
of all right gathering assemblies. The beloved youth, of
whom there many in attendance, have been affectionately invited
to make a full surrender of that which may be called for at

their hands, and through watchfulness and prayer may they witness the declaration of the Prophet to be verified—“Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.”

Calmest have been our desires that all, both young and old, may be incited to more faithful obedience, not looking too much to the duties others should fulfil, not flinching from service because it appears too difficult for too humble, but that, in all humbleness and meekness, they may follow their Guide, trusting in Him for ability to perform all that He calls for and considering nothing to be which is required by Him, who, for our sakes, left a heavenly throne and became “despised and rejected of men.”

Many fields of labor are open to such as are willing to be thus employed, in one of them, the cause of Scriptural Instruction, you have been largely and devotedly engaged. With the Living aid and blessing, great advantages may be derived from such investigation, and the principles we profess, founded as we believe, on pure Christian truth, may thus by take deeper root and bear fruit more abundantly in the hearts of all. May those who are engaged in this interesting work not be content when the mind is staid with Scriptural fact, if the heart is not willing to acknowledge the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world as its Lord and Leader.

And now, beloved Sister, in a fresh feeling of Christian fellowship, we bid you farewell. Though in these days of trial, the cloud of doubt may seem to attend us by day and the sun of affliction by night, may we all be permitted, through unwavering nerve, to enter at last into that glorious promise land, where the light of the sun or the moon is not needed, for the glory of the Lord doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Ministry
Sarah F. Sobey Clark

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Society
Dear Sisters.

In the renewed openings of divine life, as
we humbly trust, we address you, and acknowledge
the receipt of your valuable Epistle of Mill Hill last.

How sweetening is the thought that we are all
indeed participants of the one great salvation, that we
are not our own, that we are bought with a price, even
the precious blood of the Son of God. The joy of the
believe is indeed great in this; that, as he submits
to the humbling, purifying influence of the Spirit of that
humble Savior, he may know of an exceeding of all
his earthly enemies, and feel how good it is thus to abide,
not only in the life that now is, but also, looking on the
beloved of God, to trust in the promise, that when He is,
then we shall be also.

The fearful state of our beloved country in consequence
of the horrors of civil war raging in our midst, has caused
us deeply to sympathize with the afflicted and bereaved,
and we have been encouraged to minister in both of our
labor and our means, for the succor of the wounded and
suffering; at the same time we have had leisure to feel
the importance of the early testimony borne by impudicacy
against all war and fighting.

We have had at this time the company of many dear
Sisters from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and joyful
calm, are truly encouraging and strengthening.

We have received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London
and Dublin, also from most on this continent, and we
would acknowledge these among our many privileges.

Our dear, dear friends, we bid you farewell, with the
salutation of love, and remain your Sisters.

Yours by direction and in behalf of the meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clark

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sister.

We salute you in the love of the gospel, and bid you welcome to the Sisterhood, as a branch of a body long beloved, and in this your infancy as a separate organization, the language of David to his Son Solomon seems applicable; "Know then the God of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect heart and willingness of mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts." Heaven has blessed you with a good land, a land flowing with milk and honey, does not the charge of King David further apply, "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel and in the audience of your God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God, that ye may possess this good land and bear it for an inheritance for your children after you."

The belief that the truth is prospering among you and keeping pace with the march of civilization into the mid spread field of labor, is cheering to us, particularly in this day, when the air seems full of sadness, and the south wind comes to us laden with lamentation and farewells of the dying. But the encouraging language of James, a servant of God, inspired with faith in the efficacy of prayer, "If any among you afflicted, let him pray" for our God remains to be a God answering as well as a God inspiring prayer. May the breathing of every heart be to the Father of Mercy and God of all comfort, for the universal promulgation of the peaceful doctrine and precepts of Jesus, our Savior, when advent was ushered in by the angelic host with the anthem — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

We have had the company, at this time, of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose gospel labors have been inspiring and edifying, and in the prayers of our hearts we have raised to the

Give my good and perfect gift, that the word, dropping
as the rain and distilling as the dew, may not return to
me void vain, but prosper abundantly, and accomplish
all that for which it is sent. That being mixed with faith
in them that hear, it will profit us, and all thereby be made
to believe, not only hearers, but doers of the word. That in
seasons like these, when the stone is rolled from the mill's mouth,
and the flock scattered, we may not be forgetful to give
glory to God.

And now, dear Sibyl, we commend you to God, and
the word of His grace, which is able to build us up, and
to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Hobey Clark

To the July meeting of Friends Friends of New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with their meeting for worship at Wickbold and Portsmouth on first day the 12th, and for discipline at Newport on second day morning the 13th of ninth month, 1864.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting - viz.

From Rhode Island - Elisabeth Meader, Sarah S. John, Maria R. Smith, Anna T. Dennis, Amy S. Weston, Ruth S. Gifford, Gulielma Trubon, Elizabeth Tickham Gible, S. Reynolds, Mary Williams, Hannah B. Gillies, and Abigail S. Gifford.

From Salem - Avis Crane, Abigail W. Hanson, Sophia Folsom, Mary Nichols, Maria Chase, Lucy P. Osborne, Ruth D. Page, Hannah Page, Cynthia W. Huntington, Hannah B. Leighton, Buelah W. Rogers, and Abby W. Pratt.

From Sandwich - Ruth H. Baker, Anna J. Wood, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary Gifford, Susan Cowlands, Charlotte C. Dillingham, Ruth Ann Shepard, Francis E. Bradford, Harriet Gifford, Mary C. Cotter, and Eliza Glade.

From Falmouth - Lucy B. Douglas, Esticea B. Winslow, Maria P. Blanchard, Mary R. C. Hawkes, Jane P. Minot, Louise Day, and Jane Pope.

From Whitfield - Phoebe J. Powers, Abigail S. Lattus, Anna M. Lever, Lydia C. Dow, and Anna C. Frost.

From Newell - Anna C. Lang, Lydia T. Fay, Rachel S. Nichols, Lucia E. Taber, Martha Weston, Elmira E. Hanson, Lydia A. Cartland, and Lavinia H. Jones.

From Dover - Mrs. J. Green, Goldsby C. Buffam, Hannah Howell, Anna Turner, and Maria Bullock.

From Fairfield - Anna S. Fishburn, Emma W. Gray, Lydia S. Jones, Geribah Richardson, Peter J. Bush, and Mary J. Page.

who are present except four, for the absence of three, satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that Rachel B. Holder, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 5th of 8th month last, aged 64 years and 8 months - and that William Rogers Jr. an Elder, and member of Eastwick Monthly Meeting, died on the 5th of 8th month, 1863, aged 71 years and 5 days -

Fairfield reports that Rachel Brown, an Elder and member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 4th 1863, aged 91 years, 8 months and 8 days, and that Lydia Powers, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, departed this life, 2d month 18th, 1864, aged 84 years and 11 months.

Falmouth informs that Thomas Jones, a Minister, and member of Exeter Monthly Meeting, died 5th of 1st month, 1864, aged 83 years and 8 months.

Witchfield reports that Joel Marsh, an Elder and member of Woburn Monthly Meeting, deceased the 12th of 12th month 1863, aged 86 years and 7 months.

Vassalboro' reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of Martha Austin - with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval of Lucy G. Whitehouse; and also with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Pease Jones; and in the appointment of Lois Farney to the station of Elder -

Lydia Powers, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, deceased 3rd of 10th month 1863, aged 84 years, and Jonathan Estes, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 30th of 1st. month, 1864, aged 83 years and 10 months.

Fairfield reports that it has united with Witchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah King and Esther C. Dow to the station of Elder - that Eliza M. Farn, a Minister and member of Grafton Monthly Meeting, died 3d month 1863, aged 48 years, 6 months and 4 days - that Elder Bailey

an Sister a member of the same Soc. wife Isabella, died 1st month, 26th, 1864, aged 82 years, 1 month and 25 days - and that Patience D. Givens, a Minister and also a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 2nd month 17th, 1864, aged 58 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Five Epistles from London, Dublin, New-York, N.C., North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Michigan and Iowa have been received and read. These testimonials from our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings, have all been interesting to us, but we have been especially touched by the unexpected reception of the one from North Carolina, it being the first communication we have received from them since 1868, the commencement of the fearful war that is still raging in our beloved country, the sorrowful effects of which they have so keenly felt. It seems indeed a sweet messenger, breathing of love and peace. We have been brought into near sympathy with our dear sisters in their isolated condition, surrounded as they are with many trials; yet it is deeply interesting to believe that while they did not receive an Epistle or have the company of a friend from another Yearly Meeting, that they were not forsaken, that the mind of Ministry was pleased to be in their midst, and they were able to acknowledge that they had a good meeting. May our united prayers be raised on their behalf, that they may continue to keep the eye single unto Him for help and direction, that however great and sore afflictions may be abounding unto them, their faith fail not. We direct the following Friends to consider the subject, and as variations for it, prepare essays & replies to present to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: -

Emilia J. Keyes, Charlotte H. Hartland, Dorcas E. Parker,
Anna P. Wood, Anna S. Remond, Lydia Howland, Theda F.
Taber, Rachel C. Howland, Hobie R. Gifford, Anna S. Ham,
Vera K. Wing, Lydia P. Fry, Avis Remond, Gulielma Howland,
Cecil Taber, Rebecca Remond, Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah G.
Tutton, Lydia P. Howland, Mary B. Bradford, Maria Chase,
Elias Smith, Mary C. Jones, Abigail M. Munson, Jane B. Remond
Elias P. Remond, Mary C. Jones, Lydia Howland, Elizabeth
Meader, Anna E. Lang, Lydia J. Gifford, Cynthia Davis,

Dorcas S. Robinson, Ruth H. Baker, Eliza B. Boyce and Ruth D. Fage.

We appoint Dorcas H. Tucker, Abigail P. Battay, Abby M. Hatt, Lydia H. Eastland, Jane C. Minot, Anna L. Dennis, and Martha Quisenberry to prepare a summary from the answers to present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this meeting, to confer on the subject of Clerk, and report their determination.

We have been humbled this morning, under a sense of the Lord's mercies, in permitting us, while His judgments are so fearfully manifest in many parts of our land, to assemble in this manner to worship Him. We trust our hearts have been bowed in gratitude, that He has been gracious; please to be with us in this opening sitting of our Yearly Meeting, and the prayer has been raised, that we may by careful attention to His pointers, be preserved from sitting to sitting, that our thus meeting together may tend to His glory and to our advancement in His truth.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Said at this meeting, the acceptablecombe of our beloved friends David Hunt of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa, Enos G. Davis of Milford Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Jonathan De Tol of Moorean Monthly Meeting, New York, Cornelius Douglas of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Mason C. Hinckley of Union Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, William Hinckley of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Rebecca Lott of Union Falls Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth L. Comstock of Collier Monthly Meeting, State of Michigan, Sarah M. Flatt of

Newbury Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Eliza Evans & Jane Baker
Monthly Meeting, Canandaigua, Sarah Ann Clinton, Cynthia
Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Charles L. Hall of Erieburgh, monthly
Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, satisfactory certificates
from their several meetings, expressive of unity with them
as ministers, and with their present religious engagements
were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved
friends, Mary Jane Debolt accompanying her husband, our
friend Jonathan Debolt, Margaret Hunt companion to our
friend Sarah M. Hiatt, Lucinda Hadley companion to our
friends Sarah Ann Clinton, and of our friends Stephen
Wood of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York. Satisfactory
credentials, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with
their present engagements were received from their several
meetings.

We have likewise with us our dear friends, Isabella D. Douglas
accompanying her husband, our friend Cornelius Douglas,
Alice H. Benedict accompanying her husband, our friends
Caron L. Benedict, Calvin Crane and Deborah P. Crane,
accompanying our friends, Elizabeth L. Cornstock, Lydia F.
Farney accompanying our friend Eliza Brown, Eliza F.
Brown and Naomi C. Burlington companions to our friends
Ruth C. Hall, Elijah Knapp companion to our friend
Cornelius Douglas, and Homer Betts assistant companion
to our friends Sarah M. Hiatt and Margaret Hunt, and
satisfactory testimonials have been received expressive of unity
with them as members, and with their present engagements

We have also in attendance at this time, several dear
friends from neighboring yearly Meetings, without certificates
whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Third day morning 6th mo 14th, met at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of last year have been read.
Engaged upon the state of Society by sending the question
and answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Began at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon. Met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and as this portion of the business claimed our attention, the deficiency recorded in the answers to some of the Queries, called forth an expression of deep concern, and much tender counsel has been extended. The duty of attending all our religious meetings was forcibly brought to view. Were there is an indifference in this respect, an unwillingness to give up one time for this service, there must be a want of love to God to whom we are accountable for every moment of our time. May we not allow the engrossing things of this life, or any worldly consideration to separate us from the love of Him who gives us all things richly to enjoy. Touching appeals have been made by dear aged Brothers now with us, who have come up to this Meeting under great weakness and physical suffering, and who feel indeed that it is their evening sacrifice; not to neglect this very important service. As we become careless and lukewarm in this respect, it opens a door for the enemy, and for the entrance of many weaknesses. "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy honour dwelleth". Those who can adopt this language, will feel it a blessed privilege to assemble to worship Him, and even if he should not see meet to raise up a Minister, they would be enabled to wait in silence upon the true minister of the sanctuary, even Christ Jesus, whom Godareth always; and, experience His blessing to descend upon them.

Earnest have been the desires expressed for our dear young sisters, many of whom are in attendance with us, and upon whom the dew of heaven has descended, that this may be to them a season of refreshing from the Lord. Again and again has the call gone forth, come now and give yourselves and all that you have to Jesus, cast yourselves at His feet; seek to His spirit to lead, and His grace to guide you; seek to be constantly connected with Him, a covenant keeping God, and watch his continual to point out the way in which He would have you to go, even though it may seem to you a path of

self-denial and of trial, walk ye straight. "I will your issue
flow as the river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea."
A fresh has the call gone forth at this time, to remember
the poor and the distressed, and we have been reminded that if
ever there was a day when the invitation of our Savior was
extended to come and help the suffering and the destitute, it
is now. The sick and wounded are in hospitals, in asylums,
and on the battle field. The poorest and the destitute are
around us, and the demand is abundant on every hand.
Friends there are whose hearts have been moved with anguish
for the sufferers of our land, who have come forth molly, and
cast their gifts freely and cheerfully into the Lord's treasury
for the benefit of these, but the cry is still for more. Thousands
are looking to us for help, who have long been held in bondage,
the children of oppression and ignorance, shut out from
improvement of every kind, not allowed to read their bibles.
And what shall be done for these? Surely the poor must be
clothed, the ignorant educated, and the sinner visited. The
door is open for us to labor, the field is large. Happy indeed
will it be for those whom the Lord has blessed in basket and
in store, if they are concerned to give of their abundance to
the poor, they shall know the pleasure of doing good, and
shall experience the fulfillment of the promise that it is
more blessed to give than to receive.

The following is a Summary of the answers received, viz:

Answer 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have
been attended, except some small ones which were
omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather,
yet there appears to be a want of engagement with many
in regard to this important duty, especially in the
attendance of those held in the middle of the week.
The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of sleeping
and other unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd. Love and charity are in a good degree maintained
by most friends, yet some are deficient in these
respects. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against.

Care has been taken to end differences where they have appeared.

Ans. 3rd. Some care is taken to bring up those under our direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Friends are generally good examples to themselves. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Ans. 4th. The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes with few exceptions, where care has been taken. Careful in the other requisitions of this Inquiry except in a few instances of attending places of public resort.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning. Careful that none shall be placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

Ans. 7th. We believe Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony in regard to the several parts of this Inquiry.

Ans. 8th. We think the several requisitions of this Inquiry are duly observed.

Ans. 9th. Careful as to recording. Some deficiency as to certificates.

Ans. 10th. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner required by Discipline, and to place judgments agreeably thereto.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and we appoint Gertrude W. Bartland, Anna T. Denme, Rebecca C. Kineman, Mary A. Smith, Dorcas F. Tucker, and Ann Elmira Lang, to unite with a similar committee of men friends to propose names to constitute a committee to have the care of the Boarding School for the ensuing year.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

16th day morning - met at 10 o'clock.

The London printed Epistle of 1863, fraught with deep

instruction, counsel and encouragement, particularly adapted to our condition at this time, has been read, and we trust that the impression made upon your minds may not pass away as the early dew.

Essays of Epistles for London, Boston and Baltimore have been read and approved.

We adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met at 4 o'clock.

The Records of the Meeting for Offerings for the past year have been acceptably read at this time. They give abundant evidence that our brethren, in their arduous labors, have been directed aright.

An essay of an Epistle to North Carolina Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

The friends named to unite with a similar Committee of nine friends in selecting names to constitute a Boarding School committee, presented the following, viz: Gwend Holand, Phoebe H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Elizabeth Dodge, Mary A. Smith, Gorcas B. Robinson, Gorcas F. Shucker, Sarah F. Thompson, Ann D. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, and Rebecca C. Kinsman, which being acceptable to this meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventeen males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-four, viz: one hundred males and seventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert E. Smiley, Principal; Alfred E. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Howell, Jessie F. Fair, Mary R. Howell, Teacher in the English Branches; Read, Teacher of mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and George E. Otter,

Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Eliza M. Dame, and in the Winter Term, Amy E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Miller has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza F. Smiley who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in the summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily administered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest interest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the form, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who died on the 10th of last month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To commemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, singularly manifested in her closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of the Principal to us. "All who had the privilege of witnessing the love which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and heard the almost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, & faith in His promises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were deeply moved, and such thought that heaven was indeed brought very near to them."

This solemn loss was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee. "The account of the removal of our dear young friend and beloved son, our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives, mingled with gratitude for this bright, happy boy, so full of life, gladdening his & a blessed immortality through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

In the Fall of '68 another death occurred, from pulmonary

disease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th year. We believe it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, to give, on the records of the Committee, the following minute: In the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had been very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we realize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and efficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness to assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable and unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his usefulness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, that, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was instructive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intimately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, and his ^{earnest} applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son of God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's promise, "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and we reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, and is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far better."

The conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, notwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Savior; - to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. He sympathized with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to seriousness of life.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from

all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imminently required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the commencement of the Summer Term, which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: \$55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$80 per term for members of other Yearly Meetings and where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such member; and \$125 for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of \$5 continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care-taker and Healer who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee

Garrison Congregational Church.

P. Providence 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note. Summer term of 1864 closes 9th M^r. 28th, 1864.

Winter term opens 11th M^r. 2d, 1864.

Summer term opens 5th M^r. 3rd, 1865.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in person to be laid before the Committee at their

meetings held in the third and ninth months. At those meetings, applications for members of our yearly meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Ingraham donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the institution.

All applications for admissions are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

Albert H. Greeley,

Principal Friends Boarding School,

Providence R. I.

The subject of affording relief to the Freedmen & our country having been brought before us at this time, we appoint the following friends to unite with a committee of men friends in considering the subject of forming an association for their benefit and relief, viz: Sarah S. Hobey, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude H. Courtland, Rebecca J. Kinsman, Estella B. Dyer, Maria L. Johnson, Anna F. Wood, Lucy H. May, Christina M. Bradford, Lydia L. Smith, Jane E. Minot, Esther Middle, Nelia A. Marable, Helen G. Moore, Ann B. Earle, Lydia J. Fox, Thaddeus B. Nichols, George Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Elizurah S. Buffum, Lucy J. Greene, George L. Garrison, Sarah J. Sampson, Fanny Kirkham, Estella D. Williams.

Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Reed, Abigail C. Batter, Susan G. Kempton, Cynthia J. Earle, Ann Maria Coffin, Smith J. Chaffis, Eliza P. Tanney, Cynthia Brown, Mary Glade, Cecilia Hazard, Elizabeth C. King, Lavinia Huntington, Electa Anne Hollins, Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Potter, Lucy S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin, Lydia Freeborn, Mary B. King, Sarah Glade, Abby H. Pratt, Anna Elmira Lang, Hannah Page, Susan Faber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Gove, Mary Metcalf, Anna T. Dennis, Celinda Metcalf, Alice Cornell, Charity G. Dillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Martha C. Pratt, Joanna W. Grover, Susan Cartland, and Jane Pope.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 6th and 16th, met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives being called, are present except seven. Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Iowa, Dublin, Ohio, New York, and Western yearly meetings have been read and approved and the Clerk is requested to sign the same, with those read at former sittings, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

We have received no report from the Committee on Education, as several of the monthly meetings failed to report to that committee, must necessarily be an imperfect one; and we do appoint the friends who served last year, with the substitution of Mary J. Sage, in place of Garrison M. Briggs, removed from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, and they are requested to give their attention to the subject, and report to this meeting next year.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Rebecca Hollis, and similar ones for our friends, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah M. Hall, Eliza Brown and Ann Clinton, and Ruth C. Hall, viz:

"Our beloved friend Rebecca Hollis attended this meeting. Her moral and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following

minute for our friend Mary Jane Debolt, and similar ones for our friends, Margaret Hunt, Louinda Fadding, Deborah C. Crane, Naomi C. Huntington, Eliza H. Barney, Phoebe H. Benedict, and Phoebe N. Douglass, viz.

"Our beloved friend Mary Jane Debolt attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this Meeting to be printed for distribution among its members.

During the several sittings of this meeting, we have felt the love of Christ to flow as from vessel to vessel, and have been able to acknowledge that it has been good for us to be here. We have taken sweet counsel together. And now, as we are about to separate, we fervently desire that "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all - Amen."

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 12th of Sixth Month to the 16th of the same, exclusive, 1864.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

The salutation of love conveyed by your epistle of Fifth month last, was acceptable to us, and we have sincerely realized the blessing there is, in endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The precious union that should, and that may, by the exercise of Christian charity, be maintained by the members of the body of Christ, which is the Church through him the Holy Head -

however widely separated their members may be in the outward
has been encouragingly exemplified at this time, by messages
of Christian love and greeting from friends afar off, as well as
those that are nigh, being brought among us by the love of
Christ constraining them. The north and the south, the east
and the west, have united in ascribing "Glory to God," and we
have known the presence of the heavenly dove bearing over the
waves of earthly discord and conflict, the olive branch of peace.
Mournfully there fall daily upon our ear, the distant sounds
and the nearer echoes of the notes of war. We know too truly
and painfully of red fields of slaughter, and of bleeding
hearts at home, of desolated cities, and ruined plantations
and farms. The voices of earth remind us of the natural pride
of the unregenerate heart of man, of its lust of power and gain,
even the gain of oppression and of robbery. Voices from Heaven tell
us, "The Lord reigneth," and that "for the sighing of the poor,
and the cryings of the needy, He will arise." Then tell of retribution,
of punishment for guilt, and we bow beneath the merited
chastisement. But in strains of softest melody and with soothing
power, these heavenly voices also tell of Him who came to seek
and to save that which was lost; of Him who still walks upon
the stormy waves of human sorrow, and comes in hours of darkness
to the hearts of his trembling tossed disciples, with the blessing,
"Peace, be still."

We rejoice in witnessing and bearing witness, that the spirit
of the good Samaritan has been granted to many of our fellow
countrymen and women, enabling them generously and devotedly
to minister to the temporal and spiritual needs of the thousands
who languish from cruel wounds and illness, in camps and
hospitals, in prisons, and in the open fields where they have fallen;
and we lift up our hearts in praise and blessing unto Him, whose
essence is still fit in the hour of extremity, as the physician of
men, who comes to these with healing in his wings, and
endeavors to apply the balm of heavenly comfort, even to the
wounds which sin has made. Raised and magnified be the name
of Him, who over the ruins of man's fallen nature, sheds the light
of his own glory and who brings life and immortality to light
from the gospel. We have rejoiced in hearing that the hearts of man-

friends among you, have been opened to hear the cry, and to aid by sending means for the relief of the suffering colored beings from slavery. Their claims upon our sympathy and help are importunate, and friends in the various sections of our wide land, have united in labor on their behalf, much remaining to be done in this great and worthy cause, so peculiarly urgent upon us as a people, long the professed friends of this oppressed race, and we trust to have grace given us, and enlargement of heart, that we may not be weary in well doing.

In the love of Christ, which has power to overcome all sectional and national prejudices, and to oulcap all barriers of contending arms and difficulties, of distance and of danger, our beloved friends in North Carolina, have conveyed to us, a touching expression of their trust in God, and their experience of His protecting care, as well as of their continued and renewed sense of fellowship, through Christ the Head, with even the distant members of His church. Our hearts have been tendered in the reading hereof amongst us, and many prayers have arisen for their preservation, with our own, beneath the shelter of the Rock of Ages.

In conclusion, dear sisters, we commend ourselves to your prayers, that, when the permitted chastening, which, for the present, is not joyous but grievous, may have done its appointed work, we may witness the return of peace and prosperity, and be prepared by this very experience, more earnestly to hope and to labor through the love of God, shed abroad in our hearts, for the universal prevalence of that spirit, which inspired the anthem, sung by the Heavenly Hosts to the waiting shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to man."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Quaker Yearly Meeting of Northern Friends.

Dear Sisters.

With fondful hearts for the sound testimony of your continued love and sympathy, we rejoice to add,

accessible Epistles. Inside the curse and concern, incident to our portion of the church, and which, in many respects, seem increasing upon us, in an inscrutable Providence, it has fallen to our lot to be made sharers in the afflictions which have been permitted to overtake our beloved Nation, and your kind sympathy with us in this our calamity, is truly grateful.

Our Meeting has been largely attended, and we have felt the wing of Ancient Goodness to be spread over us. Many fervent petitions have been put up, for Divine aid and direction in this our day of peculiar trial. The dear young sisters have been invited to come and labor in the Lord's vineyard. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

There never was a time that called more loudly than the present, to come to the feet of Jesus, and there in stillness, wait for Him to show us what He requires at our hands. We have been admonished not to move in our own strength, or unbidden, put forth the hand to help steady the ark, but to wait for that still small voice, that teaches as never man taught. Earnest have been our desires, that we might lie low until the whirlwind and the tempest pass by, and that inseparable voice bids us arise and go forth in the Lord's power, trusting in His arm to carry us safely on through all that He may require at our hands. A wide field of labor is open before us and we feel to thank our Heavenly Father, that our hearts have been made willing for His service. The calls are many. The cry of the oppressed and suffering is heard on every hand.

Pray for us, dear sisters, that our faith fail not, that we may firmly rely upon the rock of ages. Pray the Aaron's and Mica's be found amongst us, qualified to lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees.

Finally, dear sisters, may the Lord be with us all, that when our allotted work is finished, a few more battles fought, a few more victories won, we may lay down our lives in peace, and our immortal souls permitted to enter the pearl gates into the Celestial city, to join in anthems of praise to God and the Lamb forever.

With the salutation of love, we remain your sisters,
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

A. L. Clark, Clerk

To our dear & happy meeting at Boston - 11th.

Dear Sister.

In the Sabbath evenings of our Tuesday evenings, we love, do we ever realize how various have been the influences, now on a broad land so vast & free, we have this banner over us to be true, and have been permitted, in a manner, as we know, to sit at the feet of Jesus, and to receive, both immediately and instrumentally, good convenient for us. And, we believe, that to such we can go under a sense of great poverty and need, the iron ice has been verified, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

You have been praying for your dear to us, by the sending of your epistles last month, and our hearts have been quickened by the expression of your Christian interest, and continued affectionate remembrance. We have also received acceptable epistles at this time, from all the Ready Firetongs with which we are in correspondence, and our hearts have been introduced into much sympathy with our dear sisters of North Carolina, surrounded as they have long been by the trials and conflicts, the dissolution and sorrow of a civil war. The expression of their confidence in God, their experience of His protective care, and their trust in the promises of Jesus, in their hour of great need, is comforting and encouraging to us.

Many of our dear young sisters, we believe, are under the inspiring hand for usefulness, and these have been encouraged to enter into the Lord's vineyard, and labor faithfully and cheerfully, for surely the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Few and important fields opening before us, call for renewed dedication of heart to the service of Him, who said that he came into

The situation of the homeless, dependent Ecclesia, now brought, as it were, to our very doors, has been a subject of deep interest with us at this time. Their claims upon our sympathies, and active benevolence, are insatiable, and while we feel that much has been done

In this quiet time, when our hearts are turned into the way of the Lord of Hosts, who has availed for their deliverance, still, their need, so great and pressing, calls for increased exertions, and we have been encouraged to give up some of the abundance with which we have been blessed, for the alleviations of the sufferings of this deeply injured people.

We rejoice that an increasing interest is manifested in the subject of education. Great watchfulness is necessary in training the susceptible minds of children. May the dear Mothers, with you and us, watch over the tender lambs of the flock, and have them on their hearts in awaiting prayer to know, that He, will bear His hand on them, and bless them. Your other selfs train them up in the way in which He would have them to go, preparing them for the trials and temptations to which they may be exposed, when they go out from their more immediate care, following them with a Mother's prayer, that they may be kept from the evil that is in the world, that when the solemn inquiry is made, Where are the lambs committed to thy care, the answer may be, Here am I, Lord, and the Lamb thou hast given me.

With fervent prayers for every class amongst you, for your preservation on Christ, the Rock of Ages, we bid you affectionate farewell, and are your sister.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In the reading of your acceptable epistles of love it would not, with those from other Yearly Meetings, our hearts have been deeply touched with a sense of Christian exhortation. It is indeed a day wherein we may say, "God calleth unto judgement the noice of thy water-sports; all the wave and the billow are gone over me," yet may we, not humbly trust the Lord will communicate his loving-kindness in the day times, and in the night, this

congratulations with you. Let us then, dear friends, in this hour of
our calamity, look our trust in God's understanding. That is,
and in His precious promises, which are so often verified to us,
and, while our hands are unable to bury down, thank him
and his creation, among us, & humbly hope He will rule for
our self, and scatter the enemies of our souls' peace; for His
promise is "peace, peace, to him that is far off, and to him
that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him."

It is a precious privilege to be able to claim it this in this
season of trial, to know Him to be a present Saviour, a God
nigh at hand, and not afar off, to know that His care and
power is the faintest call for mercy and for life, that His
omnipotent eye sees all your griefs, and that His all-powerful
hand is guided by His infinite love. Hence He is able to
promise you, that you need not abject yourself overless to His
loving care, that we may be preserved from danger seen
and unseen, and to know your trust to be in Him, the Rock of
Ages, Christ, our Lord, who is suffered on Calvary's Mount for
our sin, that He might redeem us from all misery.

Our meeting has been large, and the feet of many of the
God's own people have been turned towards us. The glad
tidings of salvation have been proclaimed in our midst, and
all invited to come to the Saviour, while yet time and opportunity
are afforded them. We have also been reminded that there
never was more need of labour in the Lord's vineyard. Labour
is even now at the gate. There are the supping to soothe, the
ignorant to teach, and the naked to clothe, and tasks such as
will be blessed in the day, when the sentence shall be pronounced,
"How much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these
my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

And so, dear sister, we bid you farewell, trusting that
though strife and conflict surround you, you may yet experience
the peace of God that passeth all understanding, and that
it may永远 keep your hearts and minds through Christ
Jesus. In the name of His dear followers! if we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah J Gobey Clerk

Second meeting of Female Anti-Slavery Society.

Wednesday.

It has been a joyful privilege to meet at this time, and through your agency, to witness the commanding influence of the love of Christ. Under it is precious feeling, a united concert of spirit, has been set for the welfare of the Church, and for the prosperity of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord and Savior. In the world, said he, ye shall have tribulations. We are exhorted to bear the same set before us, with patience. Reliance on His all-sufficient arm, faith in His prophecies blessed promises, with humiliations of soul, will enable the Believer to rejoice in tribulation. Let us then look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, as the never failing source of strength; even to Him, who, for the sin that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Watchfulness unto Prayer, is the duty and privilege of the F.A.S., and as we abide in this, the presence of the Comforter is experienced, even that spirit of truth, which brings all things to remembrance, that might witness for God in the soul, whose fruits, described by the apostle are, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. . . . His beloved, the spiritual King now comes to be more real, in which the weak, and little children in Christ, do behold the face of their Father in Heaven. Many vacant seats of departed souls, remind us of loved ones, gone before, as we remember the belief, to that world where change is unknown, and we have dwelt, that, when our pilgrimage is ended, we also, like them, may have given us the assurance of a life whose work has been well done, as faithful servants, be permitted to enter into the joy of our Lord.

The sufferings, the afflictions, the griefs and the bereavements, so prevalent upon the dreadful war going on in the midst of our beloved country, the widow's wail, the orphan's cry, the suffering of the battlefield, the anguish of the Hospital, have deeply struck our hearts. But have we not as a nation, been forgotten of God, and if so, can he not be removed? If he not now abide Behold, "I am he that reigneth." Oh, dear Sisters, let us learn in

these afflictions, that's "it is He who setteth up, and He who
calleth down." "He who look unto Jesus, whose yoke is easy, ye
shall rest, if ye faint not." The time thankfully to acknowledge the
presence of many dear Sisters, whose labours of love have been
edifying and strengthening. Your brother's acceptable gifts have
been read, to our comfort. The rejoice in the evidence of unity
and sympathy of distant Sisters, and are cheered, and animated
by them.

In the love of Christ we salute you, and commend your kind
Friends' affection and pro-fidelity to the meeting.

Sarah G. Gobey, Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear sorrowing Sisters.

A little band of mourners, isolated from every
other branch of the sisterhood, by one of the relentless restrictions of
war, how has been brought to mind the language of the prophet
concerning him, "in whom wee reign, we are now united, and through
whose mediation, silently and apart, can we bear one another's
burthens, "He trod the winepress alone, and of the people, there
was none with him." Though no outward demonstration of our
sympathy and sisterly love may have reached you, yet we
confidently believe, that the covenant remaneth inviolate, a
covenant, made long ago between us, like Jacob's of old in the
midst of Shiloh, when he said, "Come hither, let me make a
covenant, I and thou", when he gathered together the stones in
a heap, as a perpetual witness of friendship, between him and
Laban, on which was inscribed the affirmation, "This is the
Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from
another." Even as Jacob then offered sacrifice in the mound, so
now, in this time of deep proving to the seed of the chosen of
God, "the sacrifice of separation from some or going loved ones,
is called for, so a brief season only, we will have thy thoughts
explicate. God, in mercy, hear and answer me, blessing you
with a happy reunion! But if, for the sin of this whole nation,

when the prophetic language seems fulfilling, "the God hath done
the anxious, and I have brought forth the weapons of His indignation;"
He in His wisdom, shall yet bring the blessed fiat, "Hitherto hitherto
saith He", let the language be that of resignation, "It is well done."
To you, of your brethren who are under the strong arm of military pow-
ers as that ancient law, which admitted of no reversion, and which
excluded the life of the venerable prophet, in his preservation of
His fidelity to His God, of those we would be the comforting
reminder, that Daniel's God sent His angel, that he shut the
mouths of the lions, that they should not hurt him, &asmuch
as before him, innocence was found in him, and he was delivered
unharmed from the depths of the den. Then wrote King Darius
unto all people, nations and languages, that dwell in all the
earth, peace be multiplied unto you." May the King of kings
and Lord of Lords write, from the teaching of this event so past
and present, as with the blood of its martyrs, peace be multiplied
to the four ends of the earth.

The epistles of your last annual gathering of the year 1863, has
come to us, "as good news from a far country", and may its going
forth from you, not to return, like the dove from the ark, which
bore the olive branch of peace, be accepted as a harbinger, betokening
good. The many messengers with us, from abroad, messengers of
the gospel of peace, already seem commissioned to execute the
prophetic command, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your
God, speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her
welfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, for she hath
received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. Thus, the ambas-
sadors of the word, have been led at this time, vocally, to utter the
silent prayer of the united congregation on your behalf, and that the
strong faith evinced in your teaching epistle, may be a lesson to us, of
trust and patience, of faith in the strong arm of our God, faith in the
Son, Jesus Christ our only hope of Salvation. From the altar of our
heart, arises the ascription of praise for multiplied mercies; salvation in
ever, and honor and power, unto the Lord our God, amen.

With the reassurance of our love and tender sympathy, we
remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

To Indians & their meeting of women friends.

Dear Sisters.

Since more we are permitted through the merciful condescension of the Great Head of the Church, to meet in this our Annual Assembly; and while we realize the deep sorrow, affliction, and suffering, in which many portions of our beloved country are still involved, our hearts are bowed in humble gratitude to the Father of all, for the unnumbered blessings conferred upon us.

Gathered, as we trust, in obedience to our Heavenly Father's will, we cannot have been more pleased, that we might reverently wait for the guidance of His Holy Spirit, which alone can qualify for acceptable service; and as we are enabled thus to abide, in a submissive teachable spirit, as at the feet of our Divine Master, how do we experience our hearts filled with love to Him, and that affectionate interest in each other's welfare which overrules all selfish considerations, to which distance interposes no barrier, and which embraces all who are seeking to be the dedicated followers of our Blessed Saviour, in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

Our yearly meeting is largely attended, and we are favored with the company of several dear friends from abroad, whose labors of love in the gospel have been truly strengthening. Your instructive and encouraging epistle of last year, and those from other yearly meetings have been acceptably read amongst us, and we hope most lightly to estimate the value of this epistolary intercourse, believing as it is continued under the protection of Him who is the God of love, it will be blessed to our establishment in the truth, and we may be confidant together by our mutual faith.

The state of our beloved society, as exhibited in the reports from subordinate meetings, has introduced our minds into much alarm and perplexity. Neglect in the attendance of meetings is represented as of frequent occurrence, and it is generally observable that where this exists, other deficiencies are also apparent. We have been tenderly exhorted not to allow the individual love of worldly pursuits to engross our attention, and blind us to the importance of this duty, but to endeavor, by watchfulness unto prayer, to improve all the means afforded us, "to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The consideration of the subjects embraced in our "old Survey," is

awakened self-feeling. The proper education of the young is indeed a matter of vital interest, and we believe many dear mothers have at this time been led to close self-examination, comparing with their own hearts, whether they are in the highest sense, good examples to their children, whether they are fulfilling as Christian mothers should, the duties of their sacred trust. We feel assured that as Mothers are thus honest with themselves, and, under a sense of their own insufficiency, ask wisdom of Him who guides them, they will receive ability to perform every parental duty, and be less in many instances to devote more of their personal attention to the training and religious instruction of their precious charge; manifesting less willingness to delegate to others, a care which naturally devolves upon them. Mother, Home and Heaven, it has been remarked, are the three sweetest words in our language, and do they not come to many of our hearts, beautifully blended with the recollections of childhood, when a tender pious Mother, her own heart filled with the love of Christ, and esteeming the spiritual good of her children above any temporal advantage, would gather them around her, and with the fond accents of maternal affection, read to them the sublime truths recorded upon the sacred page, dwelling upon the beauty of holiness, the reward of the righteous, the joys of Heaven, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the goodness of God which leadeth to repentance; and pointing to the dear Redeemer who laid down His life for them, and is able to abide and save all who obey the teachings of His holy spirit in their hearts. Such labors as these are often eminently blessed; seldom, if ever, is their influence entirely lost. Years may pass away, the old home may be forsaken, and that mother's voice may be silent in death; but yet amid the busiest scenes and temptations of after life, memory brings freshly back the endearing associations of those early hours, with a subduing restraining power.

We mourn, with you, beloved sisters, that war continues to spread its desolation and misery over our land, and many fervent prayers have ascended that "He who judgeth the world with righteousness, and the people with equity," will in His own good time, be pleased to say, "it is enough," cause the fetters of the oppressed to be broken, and the sword of the destroyer stayed. Our sympathies go with the fugitives to the Southern dependent freedmen, and to the poor in affliction in their affliction, and we desire to be found embracing

very opportunit. to alleviate the sufferings of the sick, wounded,
and destitute.

The ful indeed that the present is a period of affliction trial. Our
faith is sometimes strongly tested, but we are comforted in the belief
that as we endeavor to abide under the wing of the Almighty, seeking
His counsel, we shall be enabled in word, and deed, to uphold
all our Christian testimonies, and realize in the midst of
surrounding commotion, "a peace which passeth all understanding,"
a quiet and safe establishment upon the Rock immovable.

And now, dear sisters, in bidding you farewell, great is our
confidence, that through Jesus Christ our Lord, we may be
enabled to walk by the same rule, to live soberly, righteously
and godly in this present world, adoring the doctrine of God
our Savior in all things; that finally it may be given us to eat
of the tree of life, in the midst of the Paradise of God.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In assembling together at this time, we have felt it
cause for reverent gratitude, that amid the confusion and
tumult which prevail in many parts of our land, we have
been permitted to meet at the accustomed season in quietness
and peace, to worship the Lord our God, who in His loving
kindness and tender mercy has preserved us hitherto, and to
transact the affairs of the Church which have claimed our
attention in harmony and love.

We can in humility acknowledge the conviction that the
crowning presence of the great Head of the Church has not
been withheld from us, and under the restraining influence
of the Holy Spirit, our hearts have been touched with a sense
of our responsibility as Christians, and that while sickness
and suffering abound in our land, and the gospel of the
redeemer is being broken, a great work is opening before us.

Let us thankfully, yea joyfully, enter the door of usefulness, . . . and
ever by an established arm, and in the love of Christ our
Lord, and in the ability which He giveth, labor for the promotion
of His blessed cause.

Our hearts have turned with warm and renewed feeling, to
your large and interesting yearly meeting, embracing as it does, so
many in the morning of life, and the strength and vigor of
these days. The lambs of the flock have ever been the Shepherd's
tender and peculiar care. We would reverently acknowledge that
we believe the Heavenly Shepherd has been near us at this time
gathering the lambs in His bosom, and carrying them in
His bosom, strengthening their desires to be kept in His loving care
and to be led by Him into the green pastures and by the still
waters of life. As these, having come to Christ, are made willing
to yield themselves wholly to His blessed guidance, though their
path may sometimes lead through rough and thorny ways,
they will be enabled to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and
their hearts will at times overflow with peace.

A fresh visitation has we believe, been extended to the mothers
in our midst, and they have been tenderly encouraged to bring
their children to Jesus, in faith and in earnest prayer, and
though they may not for a long season witness any blessed result,
yet as they continue "always to pray and not to faint," their pray
and tears may be found to have excited a restraining influence, and
these may prove as "bread cast upon the waters, which shall be
found after many days."

We have received at this time a communication from our
beloved sisters of North Carolina, which has not been our privilege
since 1860. The patient, sweet and trusting spirit which it breathes
was truly encouraging and comforting to us, renews our faith, that
"He who loved his own will love them unto the end," as they contin
ue to repose all their trust and confidence in Him.

And now dear sisters we bid you affectionately farewell, desiring
your growth "in Grace, and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Local yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Our hearts have been made glad by the reading of your excellent and judicious epistle of Ninth Month last, whose words seem to come to us fresh from the fountain of life, as we yet draw on, as we trust in the flowing of the love of Jesus, to offer you our affectionate salutation. The lively interest expressed by you, in the various subjects coming within the cognizance of your yearly meeting, reminds us of the peculiar advantages you enjoy, (of reason of the freshness of your organization,) for advancement in the path of spiritual progress. Weaknesses and hindrances of many minds, naturally and imperceptibly creep into older associations from which you are at present free, and our desire for you is, that, keeping very near to Him who is the Leader of His people, the Head and High Priest of His church, you may be so blessed that "the cause of Christianity may indeed be advanced by your organization", and we, together, be animated and encouraged to increased diligence in every good word and work.

We have also received at this time, Epistles from beloved sisters in other yearly meetings, all of which have been truly acceptable and comforting to us, but in an especial manner has this been the case in regard to one from our beloved sorrowing sisters of North Carolina, breathing a spirit of faith and trust in the midst of their great trials and privations, which has read to us a powerful lesson, and renewed the assurance that the safety and blessedness of the Christian, consist not in the number of his consolations to the outward, but where affliction have abounded, the consolations of the gospel have much more abounded. Our sympathies have been afresh extended toward them, as many prayers have been raised in their behalf, that the God of all consolation may have them in His especial keeping. Let me with you, beloved sisters, lift our hearts in thankful humility to God, that while the desolating scourge of civil war is so widely extended over our once peaceful and happy country, we are permitted to dwell in security, and to meet together in peace. Let not these blessings be received by us with indifference

But with earnest and prayerful spirits, let us say, "What shall we render unto the Lord, for all His benefits towards us?" A door is widely opened before us, for service in His cause, and every one may find something to do for Christ. His suffering children are everywhere around us. And Jesus has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The sick and wounded, suffering in field and hospital and prison, widows, fatherless children, brotherless sisters to be sympathized with, assisted and consoled. Poor suffering refugees from bondage, needing protection, care and instruction. Truly not one can say, there is no work for me to do. And while, in the maintenance of our religious testimony against all wars and fighting, we are restrained from doing some things which our fellow Christians consider lawful and right, let us be the more earnest and vigilant in the performance of those duties, which involve no scruples of conscience, giving our time, our money and our sympathy in no stinted measure, remembering that "God loves a cheerful giver."

Our meeting is large, and we have the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, messengers of the gospel of the Prince of Peace. We gladly welcome these dear ones among us, and in the restraining love of Jesus, the weak have been strengthened, the fearful encouraged, the erring warned, the mourning comforted, and Christ, our Saviour, watched over all.

Farewell, dear Sisters in Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the annual meeting of Friends Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commenced with public meetings for worship at Newport and Eastonmouth, on First day the 11th, and for discipline on Second day morning, the 12th of the month, 1845.

By the Report received from your Quaker Friends, it appears that the following friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meader, Anna N. Dennis, Sarah L. Gobey, Anna C. Chase, Hannah E. Williams, Mary A. Collins, Elizabeth Freeborn, Gertrude H. Garland, Mary A. Smith and Ruth B. Gifford:
From Salem - Susan S. Brown, Elizabeth Love, Elizabeth Page, Hannah B. Clifton, Rebecca C. Fineman, Mary Nichols, Emma Johnson, Mary E. Scott, Abigail M. Hanson, Abby H. Pratt, and Hannah Page:

From Sandwich - Mary Grove, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Conydon, Susan S. Kempton, Betsy C. Wood, Ruth Ann Shepard, Mary E. Young, Shelia S. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Potter, Rebecca A. Church, Lydia Graine and Lois B. Gifford:

From Falmouth - Jane S. Minot, Emma J. Rich, Jane Pope, Lydia Stincklow, Lucy D. Douglas, Elizabeth Ann Douglas, Lydia M. Pope, and Mary M. Cook:

From Smithfield - Thrice Andrews, Joanna H. Grover, Maria B. Ning, Elizabeth W. Babcock, Maria Aldrich, and Lucy G. Payson:

From Westerly - Ann E. Sims, Lydia S. Key, Rachel D. Nichols, Hannah S. Stillbrook, Almonia S. Flanigan, Emma Jones, Mary E. Jones, Julia Collier, Lydia R. Jones, and Maria S. Nichols:

From Dover, Hannah Morel, Lydia G. Jenkins, Martha E. Parker, Abigail Gould and Maria Pinson:

Brownfield - Weston J. Bailey, Mary F. Page, Maria F.
Fing and Maria H. Jones -
who are present except five; for the absence of three,
satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that it
has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in the
appointment of Esther Grace to the station of Elder
Sarah Collins, an Elder and member of Greenwich
Monthly Meeting, deceased the 4th of 6th month, 1864,
aged 72 years, 4 months and 3 days, and Anna
Howland, an Elder and member of the same meeting,
died 4th month 27, 1865, aged 64 years, 2 months
and 7 days.

Salem reports that it has united with New
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Maria B. Taig
to the station of Elder, and with Seabrook Monthly
Meeting, in the appointment of Josiah F. Challis to the
same station; that it has also united with Salem
Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in
the ministry of Ruth D. Page, who has since, on the
28th day of 4th month departed this life, aged 39
years and 5 months; that Miriam Newhall, an Elder
and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th
month, 11th, 1864, aged 77 years, and that Enoch
Page, an Elder and member of the same Meeting,
deceased 3d month 29th, of the present year, aged
75 years and 4 months.

Gandwich informs that Ruth Davis, a Minister and
member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th
month 2d, 1864, aged 86 years, 4 months and 12 days
and that William Gifford a Minister and member of
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 18th
of 2d month, 1865, aged 86 years, 10 months, and 26 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth A.
Long, to the station of Elder.

Smithfield informs that it has united with Smith-
field Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Maria

Taft is the station of Elder.

Fairfield has invited with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Jane E. Farney to the station of Elder.

Dover reports that it has invited with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth Flagg, to the station of Elder; that Phoebe H. Meader, an Elder and member of Dover monthly meeting, died 18th month 20th, 1864, in the 47th year of her age and that Elizabeth Farney, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased, 5th month, 26th, 1865, aged 73 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Fairfield informs that Olive Wing, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased, 8th month, 5th 1864, aged 53 years and秉事之年。

Interesting Epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore and Western Yearly Meetings have been read, and the deep instruction, tender counsel and loving sympathy that they breathe, have seemed peculiarly precious to us at this time; and we appoint the following friends to consider the subject, and in way open for it, prepare ways of reply to be sent to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz:—

Lucy R. Wing, Rachel S. Horoland, Anna G. Wood, Mary B. Bradford, Rebecca C. Zimmerman, Susan Taber, Gertrude F. Cartland, Olivia C. Oliver, Ann C. Lam, Lydia Jones, Emily C. Dudley, Susan Horoland, Phoebe A. Gifford, Hannah Y. Jenkins, Rhoda H. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Rachel P. Nichols, Cynthia Brown, Charity G. Dillingham, Dorcas F. Tucker, Maria Chase, Francis A. Hawkes, Mary F. Mowat, Lydia E. Jenkins, Juliette Spurlock, Anna Maria Brown, Dorcas S. Robinson, Abigail M. Hamon, Anna H. Dennis, Abby Brown, Lydia Congdon, Peace Nichols, Abigail S. Battay, Ariis Mumford, Lucy S. Douglas, and Lydia Ann Cartland.

We appoint Mary A. Smith, Hannah Morel, Lydia S. Lee, Elizabeth Coe, Anna P. Brown, Cecilia C. Smiley, and Gertrude H. Cartland to prepare a

summary of the answers to present to a future sitting
of this Meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close
of this Meeting to confer on the subject of Slavery, and
report this afternoon.

In closing the first sitting of our yearly meeting, we
would make some record of our grateful sense of our
Heavenly Father's love in permitting us to assemble
once more to wait upon His blessed name, and to
transact the affairs of the church. We have come
up to this our annual gathering, the past four years
under great suffering, on account of the dreadful war
that has been desolating many parts of our beloved
country. We come now under the blessing of peace.
Praised and honored be His name, who has sheathed
the sword, and stayed the shedding of blood. And
while our hearts are tendered and humbled before the
Lord, and raised in thanksgiving to Him for this
great mercy, that so many can rejoice in an unbroken
circle, let us remember the stricken families, the lonely
fireides, the mourning widows and orphans all over
our land, and bring them in our prayers to God,
interceding for the fulfillment to them of His gracious
promise, "Leave their fatherless children, I will preserve
them alive; and let thy widows trust in me."

The removal of our beloved and honored President
Abraham Lincoln under circumstances so peculiarly
afflictive, has filled our hearts with sorrow. We view
him as a Nation's loss, and even as a personal
bereavement; but we mourn not as those without hope
neither do we question the justice and the mercy of
Him, who permitted this great affliction to come upon
us. Rather would we seek to bow in humble gratitude
to Him who gave Him to rule over us in our country's
greatest need, and without whose notice not a sparrow
falls.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet
this afternoon.

afternoon, and according to arrangement.

Lydia Congdon, on behalf of the Representatives reported that they were called in, respectively, Miss F. Taber for Clerk, and Ezra D. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The three, at this meeting, the acceptable communion of our beloved friends, William Green, who presented certificates testimonial from the Monthly Meeting of Gibson, held 3d month 16th, 1865 the Quarterly Meeting of Wester, and the yearly Meeting of Friends at Gloucester Ireland, held in Dublin in the 8th month last.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable communion of our beloved friends, Daniel Barker, of Deep River Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Isham Cox, of Jane Creek Monthly Meeting, South Carolina; Joseph D. Long, of Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa; William Haughton, of Rayville Monthly Meeting, Louisiana; Isaac Jay, of Minuscawana Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Robert Haffer Douglass, of Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Edward M. Forland, of Seneca Monthly Meeting, New York; Geneva Hazard, of Erieburgh Monthly Meeting, New York; Lucy Monroe, and Anna Flora Jeudie, of Farmham Monthly Meeting, New York; Mary M. Miller, of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and Caroline E. Talbot, of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented.

Our beloved friends, William R. Taber, of Seneca Monthly Meeting, a minister who accompanies our friend Edward M. Forland; Rhoda Lee, an Elder, accompanying her husband Isaac Jay; Nelly Birne, an Elder companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and Lucia Ann Thompson, an Elder of Bloomingdale Monthly Meeting, - presented certificates from their several meetings.

Our friends Charles S. Hubbard, companion to William Knagton; Cyrus G. Bringle companion to Joseph D. Knagton; Seneca Stephen, companion to Levi Woodruff; Richard Jr. Howard, accompanying her husband, Seneca Howard and John Jr. Miller, accompanying his wife, Mary Jr. Miller, - being with us, presented minutes from their respective monthly meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagement.

We have, also at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Francis T. King, who presented a minute of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with his religious concern to attend this yearly meeting.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning. Met near 10 o'clock.

The Minutes of last year have been read.

Entered upon the state of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

This day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read and the consideration of this important portion of the business that claimed our attention has been felt to be one of deep interest.

The deficiencies in regard to the attendance of our religious meetings have awakened a concern in many minds, and we have been encouraged to greater faithfulness and dedication in this respect. In what better way can we spend the precious time our blessed Lord and Master has given us, than in assembling ourselves together to worship Him. We may often feel, and mothers especially so, as the hour of some such meeting approaches, that there are many hindering things to prevent their attendance, but these

are those who are able to declare that great and noble
has been their reward, when they have been made
willing to pass through difficulties and afflictions,
and to present their bodies a living sacrifice before
the Lord. These have realized the fulness of the
promise, "I will open the windows of Heaven and
pour upon you all a blessing that none shall ever be
more anxious to receive it." Many more fall into the
error of believing that they may safely neglect the
attendance of our religious meetings. If we are
concerned to wait upon our Father in Heaven, at
home; to have our hearts raised in prayer to Him
for counsel, who is the best of counsellors, we shall
be directed aright and shall feel it to be our duty
to meet with our brethren and sisters to worship Him.

We have been reminded, at this time, that silence
is not worship; that when thus assembled, there can
be a true engagement to wait upon the Lord, a
desire to have the heart brought into subjection to
His will, and raised in prayer to Him who is
alone worthy of worship, and to be had in reverence
of all them that are about Him. As this is our
concern, though the meeting may be small, and
no words spoken, we believe the promise will be
verified, "Where two or three are gathered together in
my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have been admonished not to give way to a
spirit of drowsiness in our meetings. No heart can
enter into prayer with God, when it is lulled to
sleep by the enemy, who dares to enter with us,
even into the sanctuary, and there spread his net
over us. We are, indeed, compassed about with many
weaknesses. Let us seek to draw nigh unto God, who
alone, is the dispenser of the bread of life, and who
is able to break it, and bless it according to our
several needs.

Mothers have been afresh encouraged carefully to
guard and watch over their children; to desire first

of all to give them a religious education, and early to commence the prayerful training of their hearts for Heaven; to seek to bring them to the Saviour, and secure His blessing upon them; to offer a word of encouragement, when they are languishing and shrinking after righteously minded if needful, a word of caution or rebuke of sinning, or from whomsoever the thoughts and intents of the heart, to bless it as their food.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols, was a charge early given, and may be equally appropriate in this day. Great is the responsibility of mothers in the right training of their children. How important that we do not encourage them in a love of those things that are not for their peace, that we do not encourage them in a love of those things that are not for their peace, that we do not love them better than our Saviour, and thus make idols of them; but that we pray earnestly to Him who alone is able to lead them by living streams for ability to train them up in His love and fear.

And the dear young sisters have been tenderly and lovingly invited to come to Jesus - "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," was His blessed command. He is inviting you still to come, saying give me thine heart. Come then, and wait at His footstool, to hear the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth. Keep the eye steadily upon Him, your leader and your guide, in Him alone, our Heavenly Father, we must all come, by mother and daughter, for fresh supplies of grace, and how may we be privileged to receive strength to journey on in the unity of the Spirit, and in sweet communion with our Lord.

He that loveth one another - for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. The love of Jesus alone, can enable me to overcome the evil propensities of our nature, which strive for the ascendancy over us; and as we are found loving Him supremely, we shall be found

in the fulfillment of all our duties there will be no want of love one towards another we shall not speak evil one of another but when we see error in others shall go to them and tell their faults between them and us thus seeking to restore and to save, rather than to put up

We all have our weaknesses, our frailties and our failings, we have all sinned, and we should bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; and, as we come fully to realize this, we shall not look upon others' who may have erred as so much farther from the blessed Jesus than ourselves; but shall be increasingly observed to observe the golden rule "Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

A current of sympathy for the suffering and bereaved has seemed to flow from sitting to sitting, as we have seen the vacant seats and missed the familiar faces of those we have been accustomed to meet here, and have realized that we shall see them in this life no more forever. The voices that we heard twelve months ago, we shall hear no more; but we believe that they are now heard in Heaven, singing the Redeemer's praise. Some of us who have been permitted to enjoy this season of refreshing from the Lord, may not have the privilege of meeting here again. Be this column truth's process upon us, may we all feel concerned to live low for earth and high for Heaven - more like that blessed Savior who died for us - that when our pilgrimage is ended, we may, united to these, become an unbroken band around the Saviour's throne, there to abide in that glorious song - "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, King of saints."

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed.

who served last year. It is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three pupils, viz: sixteen males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz: eighteen males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been, — West F. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal in the Female Department; John F. Cornell, George F. King, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey C. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Foster, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidence afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded no small satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

In the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole

income for the past year exceeds the amount expended, Thirty one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for School held at Lynn, in the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of the desire of that Meeting, to advance the price for tuition; and the rates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term as follows: For members of this Yearly Meeting, \$100 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one, or both parents are members of our religious Society, or packets are sent at the charge of such, \$120 per term; and for any others who may be admitted \$160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that this apparent necessary increase in the price was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the earliest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely changes as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after further development of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, smile in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through him who is head over all things to the church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

Giles Congdon Clark.

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

First Summer Term for 1865 ends, 11th M^rch 1866

Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mrs. 1st, 1865.

Closes, 2d Mrs. 21st, 1865.

Summer Term for 1866, opens, 5th Mrs. 1d.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this year's meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our yearly meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the third and ninth months. At these meetings, application for members of our yearly meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund" or of "the Jacob Prentulf donation", will also be determined the time above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principal within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of, pupils, and all others, visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom.

to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address.

Albert E. Bradley,

Principal Friends' Training School,
Providence, R. I.

Committee. - Susan Howland, Shodas H. Libby, Charles E. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza D. Dodge, Mary A. Smith, George S. Robinson, Dorcas L. Parker, Sarah C. Chapman, Anna E. Earle, Anna T. Dennis and Rebecca G. Hinman.

The London printed epistle of last year has been read, and the counsel and encouragement it contains peculiarly adapted to our present conditions, and it is gratefully received.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Fifth day morning. Just near 10 o'clock.

A testimony from Plymouth Monthly Meeting, approved by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Jones has been read. The memory of this dear friend is precious to me, and his concern to live in strict accordance with the dictates of truth, the purity of his life, and his careful walk with God, are worthy of our imitation.

The Friends appointed last year to unite with a similar committee of New Friends in considering the subject of forming an association for the benefit and relief of the Freedmen, presented the following report, which has been interesting and truly satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment, with the addition of Ellen K. Buffum, who has acted efficiently, by request of the Committee, during the past year, are continued and requested to give their attention to this interesting concern and report to this Meeting next year.

We believe their efforts have been abundantly blessed.

With a sense of education and improvement are opinion to this long struggle and down tradition say, it is deeply interesting to witness the frankness, to the state of character they are developing, and it is instructive to see to contemplate the patience and quiet endurance with which they have, during this long struggle, borne even an increased amount of suffering, looking forward in faith for that long hoped for day of freedom which they believed would surely come.

It would seem, indeed, that our Heavenly Father had sent forth His restraining angel to guard and protect this people, and to prevent their seeing any means for their own deliverance that would be in opposition to His blessed will.

To the yearly meeting.

The Committee appointed to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of color, report, —

That upon our appointment last year, and before leaving this Island it was determined to appoint a small committee of our number, upon whom the executive duties of our organization should devolve; who were requested to obtain information relative to the most pressing necessities of these people, to guide and direct friends in their labors in their behalf, to receive and dispose of contributions of money, clothing or other articles, as may be most needed, and generally to promote the physical and educational interests of the Freedmen.

The Executive Committee early concluded to make thorough investigation of the condition and needs of these fugitives, in North Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia; and in the eleventh month, after a careful examination had been made, Washington and its vicinity were fixed upon as the principal field of operation for Friends of New England. A sub-committee was at once appointed, to take measures for the establishment of a mission in the suburbs of that city.

This committee purchased some 60' of land on Church street at a cost of \$2248, on a portion of which they erected a store, 27 by 20 feet, and located a house back in the rear, at an outlay of \$100. The store is held in operation with funds not applied to the wants of the Freedmen, which are paid to them at their employment a capital sum over \$1000. All this is under the superintendence of our friend William A. Sampson, who, from the first, has devoted himself with zeal and energy to the noble benevolent undertaking, and with very satisfactory results. The weekly sales have steadily increased from the commencement; the receipts for the six months it has been in operation being a little over \$14,000. This committee also obtained the services of Eli Jones and Virginia H. Jones, for a few months, who devoted themselves to the arduous duties of daily visits among the people, distributing clothing and bedding, dispensing little comforts to the sick and needy, and administering consolation and encouragement to the faint-hearted and sorrowing; and we believe that these early efforts and valuable services of Eli Jones were highly instrumental in securing the confidence of the Freedmen in the objects of the mission, and his labors and kindly advice and sympathy are still in their grateful remembrance.

Sarah E. Hall, who has served gratuitously from the opening of the mission, has been a self-sacrificing and faithful laborer, in ameliorating the condition of these destitute and suffering people. The committee gratefully acknowledge the valuable services of our friend, Eliza Hull, as superintendent of the Sewing-Charl, whose sewing efforts in this important branch of the mission, have been, it is believed, of incalculable benefit to many poor women. Lydia C. Farney has also labored acceptably as a volunteer assistant in this department.

From information obtained through the detailed reports of our committees, we have learned the noble & self-sacrificing efforts of New England Friends, while distributing generously to these

people, in the hour of great need, to provide also permanent
employment for those who are able to work in
order, as soon as possible, to render them self-sustaining.
With this view, it was decided at the expiration of three
months, to open workshops where they could be taught
different branches of handicraft, such as basket-making,
straw-trading &c; and the services of our friends Richard
and Abby S. Battie, were secured as superintendents.
Upon the land purchased by the committee, were some
large rough buildings, erected by government, and used
as a hospital for the Freed people. These buildings, when
vacated, were at our solicitation, kindly assigned by
Secretary Stanton, for the use of the mission; and, having
been fitted up in a convenient manner, a part of the
rooms are occupied by the family, and the remainder
for First day and evening schools, work-shops, sewing
and distributing rooms, &c. Herbert E. Sherman and
Sarah Carey have very kindly devoted a few weeks to
giving instruction in the work-rooms. We believe that
the superintendents and other agents have labored faithfully
to promote the best interests of the people, physical,
moral, social and spiritual; and the result of these efforts
is satisfactory and encouraging to the committee. From
time to time, during the past winter, the Executive
Committee have rendered so full and detailed accounts
of the progress of the work, that it seems unnecessary to
extend this report further than to inform of the present
state of the mission. The store will be kept open during
the summer, by William A. Sampson, assisted by George
W. Phillips and William Willis, a faithful colored man,
but two years free. Richard and Abby S. Battie and Sarah
E. Hall, desiring to return North for the summer, the
evening school, work-shops and sewing-room will be
closed. Pamela C. Farney, will remain for the present
in charge of the housekeeping.

We find a feeling prevails to some extent, that, since
the war has closed and the immediate cause of the
flocking of fugitives to Washington no longer exists, our

efforts on their behalf may be relaxed. This we believe to be an erroneous impression. A very large number are likely to remain at the Capital, at least for the present, and their situation still calls for strong efforts, not only to relieve their physical wants and give them the stimulus of school learning, but to furnish that varied instruction so necessary on their entrance to a free life; to train their minds to self-reliance; impress upon them the idea that freedom means freedom to work for themselves and those dear to them, and then give them the opportunity to learn different branches of labor. Many of them will probably return to the South, at some future day; and we regard this as additional inducement to use every effort for their improvement, that each, as he returns to his former home, may act, to some extent, as a missionary there. We would, therefore earnestly recommend that Friends continue to interest and exert themselves to this end; that the care of their accommodation be kept up; that, with the coming autumn, the work-shops be re-opened, and supplied with material; that funds be liberally furnished for the use of the industrial schools; and that Friends continue to collect and forward second-hand clothing and bedding; also that teachers be employed to open a day-school in the vicinity of our labor, and that the necessary funds be raised for the maintenance of the large family at the mission house. Another measure which has claimed our attention, we are desirous of commanding to the notice of Friends. We allude to the plan of building a number of small, but comfortable tenements for the freed people, which may be rented to them, upon the payment of monthly instalments, until cost, interest and insurance are liquidated, when a title may be acquired by the occupant. In general aspect the measure would benefit these people. The acquisition of a title to a freehold however small, so incompatible with their former condition, is now their great desire, and, while furnishing an inducement to

labor for its accomplishment, it would, it is believed, at the same time, have an elevating tendency, raising them to the claims and responsibilities of citizenship. The miseries which now demand their attention are exorbitant rents, confinement and penitentiary, inducing sickness of various kinds, which is undermining the constitutions of their occupants, already impaired by their life of slavery and subsequent exposure in their flight. The favorable consideration of the General Government for this enterprise, repeatedly manifested, has been encouraging to the Committee. In addition to the assignment of the Hospital buildings before alluded to, the Mission received at the solicitation of Eli Jones, the liberal donation of fifty cords of wood, which, during a very inclement season, and at a time of scarcity of fuel in Washington was a valuable acquisition to its means of usefulness.

In reviewing our efforts for the past year, in behalf of those suffering and degraded sons and daughters of oppression, it is gratifying to believe that the interest of the great cause has been promoted by the separate organization of Friends of New England; that the efforts of our members for its advancement have been largely increased thereby; and we acknowledge the cordial cooperation by which we have been sustained by Friends generally, in our labors, and also our belief that the blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon this undertaking.

In behalf of the Committee.

Henry J. Wood, Clerk.

Auditor's Report.

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen since our last Yearly Meeting, present the following statement.

Received.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, from all sources	\$8,569.72
Atka	3,937.53
Gardwick	10,387.78

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	from all sources	\$ 667.42.
Dover	" "	1,895.40.
Falmouth	" "	368.98.
Fascallous	" "	897.36.
Fairfield	" "	726.19.
Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings	827.151.42.	

Of the above amount it appears that there has been raised in cash

\$19,420.42
7.331.07
\$27,151.49

In a few instances the amount contributed is put down in the reports from the Meetings as cash and clothing, without stating what was the amount of each. In these cases it has been called clothing in the statement above. About \$1700 of the sum total is reported as having come from those not members of our Society. The number of garments is reported from nearly all our Meetings, and amounts to 6851.

About \$500 worth of the clothing is reported without giving the number of garments. The committee would recommend that Monthly Meetings be careful to state separately, in their reports, the amount of money and clothing forwarded; whenever it can be done. In some instances they have been put together and the sum total of both has been given.

In behalf of the Committee.

Samuel Boyce.

Cashier's Report.

The receipts have been,

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	\$ 771.46.
Fairfield	251.05.
Sandwich	5,887.00
H. R. Sampson, Collecting Agent	817.28.
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	52.00.
Fascallous	30.00.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	\$ 6,143.35
Salem	1,946.12
Dover	17.00
Eliza P. Gurney.	110.00
Total receipts	\$ 16,714.62

The expenditures have been,
each paid to the Committee having charge of
the mission in Washington, Edward H.
Howland, Chairman,

Expenses, Printing, &c.	21.18
Total expenditures	\$ 9,807.67
Balance in the Treasury	\$ 7,406.95

At year, 6th month, 7th. 1865.

Signed Charles F. Coffin Treasurer.

Expended for Mission at Washington,

For Purchase of land	\$ 2,448.00
Expended in building store	1,000.00
Stocks of goods for store	2,000.00
Furniture, Stoves, &c.	3905.87
Food	363.40
Paid Mission Agents, including Salaries and other expenses, up to 3d month, 15th.	354.01
Sum for repairs and alterations	275.81
Paid to Richard Battley for materials for work- shop, Expenses of various repairs and family supplies	950.00
Cash in bank at Washington	134.41
Total	\$ 8,520.00

On behalf of the Washington Committee,
Signed Edward H. Howland, Chairman.

Recapitulation.

Amount acknowledged by Treasurer	\$ 16,714.62
Other cash contributions	3,105.80
In clothing &c. as per schedule	7,381.07
Total	\$ 27,197.49

Disbursements.

Cash paid Washington Committee	88.00. 00
Cash paid for books and shoes	756. 47.
Goods sent for distribution and Industrial school.	3,100. 80.
Clothing &c. distributed	1,231. 17.
Treasurer's expenses for printing, &c.	21. 18.
Cash in hands of Treasurer	7416. 95.
Total	827. 161. 40.

into. In addition to the cash contributions above recited, a number of individuals have generously forwarded money to our Agents in Washington, for the various objects of the Mission, which has been faithfully appropriated, and their donations are gratefully acknowledged.

Committee - Sarah F. Tobey, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Hineman, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Anna G. Wood, Mary K. King, Gulielma W. Howland, Phoebe Pope, Jane C. Minot, Esther Nichols, Phoebe A. Marble, Phoebe S. March, Ann B. Earle, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Peace Jones, Lydia C. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Alice J. Greene, Elmira W. Farr, Sarah C. Sampson, Fanny Tinkham, Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Reed, Abigail S. Battay, Susan G. Tempton, Cynthia J. Earle, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth J. Challis, Eliza P. Farney, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Glade, Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. King, Lavinia Huntington, Electa Jane Collins, Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Potter, Anna S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin, Gulielma Freeborn, Mary B. King, Sarah Glade, Abby N. Pratt, Ann Elmira Long, Hannah Page, Susan Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Dow, Mary Metcalf, Anna C. Dennis, Celinda Nichols, Alice Cornell, Charity G. Dillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Martha C. Pratt, Anna N. Grover, Susan Cartland, Jane Pope and Ellen E. Buffum.)

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fourth day Afternoon. Met near 4 o'clock.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matter of deep interest, have been acceptably read at this time.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin and Ohio have been read.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day Afternoon, 6th Mo. 1856. Met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives, being called, are present, except four.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of North Carolina, Indiana, New York, Baltimore, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is requested to sign the same, with those read at a former sitting, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

By the Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, we are informed, that they have concluded the cause of Truth will be promoted by granting the request of the three Quarterly Meetings in Canada, to hold a separate yearly meeting, provided Friends of other yearly meetings unite with them in judgment. After weightily considering the subject, this Meeting unites with them and the Clerk is directed to convey this information to that meeting.

The following report of the Committee on Education have been read and accepted, and the Committee who served last year are continued, with substituting the name of Zilpha Shepherd, St. Albans Monthly Meeting, for Deborah H. Hawks removed, and Anna M. Evans, of Dover Monthly Meeting for Ebenezer Prender, deceased:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the subject of Education

have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them by the Yearly Meeting and are encouraged in believing, by information received from the different portions of this Yearly Meeting, that, with the assistance of Monthly Meeting committees and other interested friends, they have accomplished much during the past year, by encouraging the guarded, religious and literary education of our youth and children.

Members of the committee have attended the annual examinations of the various institutions of learning under the care of Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and are prepared to give them our hearty approval.

The subject of scriptural instruction has largely engaged our attention, and although the returns show an increase of but four schools over the number reported in 1863, the attendance is much larger, and their efficiency much improved.

The committee have had interesting meetings during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and the evidence is abundant and conclusive that First day schools are exerting a decided beneficial influence upon our religious society; and we are happy to be able to state, that there are hopeful evidences that many have been awakened to an increased dedication of heart by means of this instrumentality. By direction of the Committee, circulars were forwarded to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been received, which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

In behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 & 12 years, is -	1,038.
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools -	2.
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools -	2.
The number of Family Schools -	5.

The number of Friends' children who have attended school the past year, -

836

The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year, -

132.

The number who have attended school taught by Friends or under their control, -

257.

The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends, -

51.

The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends, -

54.

Average length of time these Schools are kept, -

8 mon.

The number of scholars attending these Schools -

1,552.

The " Friends attending the same, -

775.

The " teachers engaged in them, -

205.

The " Bible Classes, -

40.

The " attending Bible Classes, -

671.

The " of Friends attending Bible Classes, -

482.

(Committee, - Cynthia Bowen, Gulielma Fuborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Clade, Lydia P. Chase, Elizabeth Page, Mary J. Gove, Elizabeth C. King, Ruthie Shepherd, Lydia Graine, Huldaah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Tabor, Abigail S. Battley, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Godden, Lydia M. Pope, Anna L. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Zebul Jones, Jane H. Farney, Anna M. Crane, Eliza E. Farney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. King, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.)

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and a similar one for our friend Mary M. Miller, viz:

"Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Ruth Dennis and similar one for our friends Hulda Jay, Louisa M. Thorpe, poor

and Reba M. Hazard, viz:

Our beloved friend, Ruth Sims, attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among its members.

The business of this meeting is closed, and, under a sense of the mercy of our Heavenly Father, who, we reverently believe has at this time been graciously pleased to pour out His blessing upon us, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 1st of 6th Month, to the 10th of the same, inclusive, 1865.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

Your epistle of the present year, and similar testimonials of love from our sisters of other yearly meetings have been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement. Believing, as we do, that you have sincerely mourned with us over the oppression & strife which have prevailed within our borders, we feel that you are prepared to unite with us now, in thanksgiving and praise unto the Lord, that the "confused noise" of hostile armies is no longer heard, and instead of "garments rolled in blood" we behold the olive-branches of peace, that the rod of oppression has been broken, and the bands of wickedness loosened,

and that slavery with its attendant train of woe and sorrow, which has so long hung as a dark and threatening cloud over our land, is now passing away. Your expression of Christian interest on behalf of our suffering fellow-countrymen recently liberated, finds among us a deep response, and we believe that earnest prayers ascend from many hearts to be guided rightly in our efforts to comfort and elevate them.

The loss of our late beloved and honored Chief Magistrate, to which you have so touchingly alluded, we have felt not only as a national calamity, but as a personal bereavement, and our desire has been to bow in deep humility and childlike trust before the Great Character "who doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men."

Our yearly Meeting this year is largely attended, but vacant seats remind us of dear departed ones, who have been gathered to their final rest; and with the holy memory of these comes the warning voice "Be ye also ready." - Several dear friends from other yearly Meetings are with us, bearing tender messages of counsel and admonition, and we are also cheered by the presence of many dear young people, among whom there seems increasing evidence of humble dedication of heart. May this very interesting class with you as with us, feel more and more the duty and the joy of yielding themselves unreservedly to the loving control of the dear Redeemer, being assured, the period hallowed by such a consecration of themselves, body soul and spirit to His service, will be sweetly memorable through all their future years, and bring them a crown of blessing which the world knows not of, which it can neither give them nor take from them, for "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Invited; as we reverently believe under the care of the Great Head of the Church, very earnest has been our

engagement to see clearly the paintings of truth and follow the guidance of our Holy Leader; and warmed by the love of Jesus, our hearts have not only embraced each other in Christian sympathy and interest, but the same precious feeling has extended to our dear absent sisters in this and other lands.

"One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren." Abiding in Him, the great Teacher of Righteousness, endeavoring to keep His covenant and His testimonies, we have the assurance that He will lead us all by a right way - that His paths are mercy and truth, and that however worldly we may be separated during this our earthly pilgrimage, we may bow before the same throne of heavenly grace, pleading the same glorious promises, and finally meet beyond the shores of time, where "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple;" and in whose presence is fulness of joy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We tenderly salute you, under a sense, we trust, of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts - and acknowledge your words of comfort, & hope and of exhortation to be precious to our spirits, and cause us to thank God and take courage.

During the past four years of civil war, wherein the judgments of the Lord have been heavy upon us, we have been brought to drink deeply of the waters of affliction, and to bow very low before Him in acknowledgement that He has dealt with us in mercy - that from evil, good has been evolved; and the stain of slavery, we trust, forever blotted out.

As a Society, we feel that we have abundant cause to bless and adore the name of our God, whose eye has been upon us, and His arm round about us.

Much earnest effort has been, and continues to be, called for at our hands. Those in authority have been visited with messages of encouragement and love, and we believe that fervent prayer has descended from many hearts that they may be enabled to acknowledge Him who is the Fountain of Wisdom, and be rightly directed in the performance of all their duties. Many have visited the sick, the wounded, and the dying - telling them of a Savior's love, - while others are laboring to relieve the millions of destitute and suffering Freedmen, - and other mourning ones scattered up and down our land, whose homes are forever darkened. We have been encouraged to minister to these, to endeavor to bind up the broken hearted; and pour in the healing oil, to lend sympathy and help to them in this their great need, remembering, also, to bear them in the arms of Faith to a compassionate Savior, that in His hands He may bear them up. Pray for me, dear sisters, that we may do our whole duty, seeking in all things to honor God, and bring glory to His name.

The removal of our beloved and honored President, the late Abraham Lincoln, under circumstances so peculiarly afflictive, has filled our hearts with grief, but even in this sad event, we would recognize the Divine hand, and say in our sorrow, "The Lord reigneth."

Our meeting has been large and interesting, and a flow of Gospel love has beenrouched, encouraging us, both older and younger, to greater dedication of heart, and a closer walk with God.

We have the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green from your land, and many others from Yearly Meetings on this continent.

And now, in that love which many waters cannot quench, we bid you farewell, desiring to commend you with ourselves, to Him who is able to keep us from

falling, and to present in faultless before the presence of
the glory with exceeding joy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To New York Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Being mercifully permitted to assemble once more, after four years of sorrow, distress and anxiety, with the sweet hope and assurance that peace, the white-winged messenger of God, is again restored to our beloved country, we desire to join with you in lifting up our hearts in thanksgiving and praise to Him "who doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the Earth," that "in the midst of His judgments, He has remembered mercy," - and in earnest prayer, that having been severely chastened for our sins, we may henceforth as a nation, as a church, and as individuals, walk more humbly before Him. Surely His loving kindness faileth not. As year after year, we have reciprocated the desire that God would hasten the day when His blessed promise should be fulfilled, that "every spoke should be broken, and the oppressed let go free," how little could we foresee that He would arise in His might and "shake terribly the Earth." Surely we may say, "Lord thou hast heard the desire of the humble, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear, to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress."

The removal of our beloved and honored President, under circumstances so peculiarly afflictive but as we cannot doubt to his exceeding gain, has filled our hearts with grief, but even in this sad event, we would recognize the Divine hand, and say in our sorrow,

Under these judgments we are a great deep.

Our hearts have been pained at this time, as in former years, in mourning the loss of dear departed friends, who you sent to gather with us in these solemn seasons of prayer and praise, some of whom have been removed in the prime and vigor of life, in the midst of their usefulness - but we desire to say from our sorrowing hearts, "The Lord doeth all things well", and we are comforted in believing that many, from the younger walks of life, are yielding themselves to God, and are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the church, and that a succession of laborers in His vineyard will be coming forward to take the places of those whom in His wisdom He has seen fit to remove. May the young, the middle aged, and those farther advanced in years, labor together lovingly and trustingly for the promotion of His cause, the cause of truth and righteousness, and thus form a three-fold cord that cannot easily be broken.

We have had at this time, the acceptable company of many dear friends from other yearly meetings, whose labors of love, we trust, may be accompanied by the Divine blessing, to the comforting of the mourners, the encouragement of the fearful, the strengthening of the weak, the warning of those (if any such there be) who are still unconciled to God, and the rejoicing of all hearts in the fresh assurance of the boundless love of God, our Father, and the unsearchable riches of Christ our blessed Redeemer, whose name, we desire, may be exalted over all.

We would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable epistles of the present year, the reading of which with those from other yearly meetings, has comforted and strengthened our minds, and desiring for you as for ourselves, that grace mercy and peace from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord, may rest upon us, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by directions and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Gobey Clerk

To Baltimore yearly meeting of Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We have felt it a privilege to be permitted again to meet in this our annual Assembly, and we desire to address you in the love of the gospel, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistles of late last, containing as it did, the salutation of Christians love and fellowship. Our meeting has been large and much harmony and sisterly love have prevailed, tending to the confirmation of our faith, and the desire has been raised amongst us that the great Head of the Church may so kindle our hearts and enlarge our sympathies, as to qualify and induce us rightly to meet the requirements of the day and time, to be helpful in raising the bondman, and restoring the down fallen to the faith and hopes which the gospel promises to all.

The returned soldiers, the widows and the orphans surround us, and we have been encouraged to minister to these, to endeavor to bind up the broken hearted and pour in the healing oil - to lend sympathy and help to them in their great need, remembering also to bear them in the arms of Faith to a compassionate Savior, asking His blessing upon them.

Our rejoicing for the return of peace, and the prospect of freedom for the captive throughout our land have been deeply saddened by the sudden removal of our beloved and honored President, but we desire to bow under the chastening hand of our Heavenly Father, believing that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without His notice.

We feel dear sisters, that it is an unmeasurable mercy that we are permitted to ask for help and preservation, that we are permitted to enjoy the blessed privilege of prayer, that we may by rightly drawing nigh unto God receive the assistance of His grace to lead and guide us in every time of need. Let me, the

be concerned to wait upon Him, watching unto prayer
for a daily walk in communion with Him, endeavoring
in a meek and quiet spirit, to fill up the measure
of usefulness designed for us by our Father in Heaven.

We have had at this time the acceptable company
of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose
labors of love we trust have been accompanied by the
Divine blessing. The glad tidings of the Gospel have been
proclaimed, the unsearchable riches of Christ have been
preached, and the faint hearted and desponding have been
animated and encouraged under an humble sense of the
provision made for our redemption and salvation through
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Under a solemnizing sense of the blessing of dwelling
in the peace of God that passeth all understanding, we
salute you and bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah J. Tobey Clark

To This Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Baptized together in Gospel love, and under a
grateful sense of the many unmerited favors dispensed
by our Heavenly Father, we address you.

He who, for the last four years, has in His wisdom
permitted the scourge of war to decolate our guilty
nation, has in His own good time, been pleased to say
"It is enough;" and to restore the blessing of peace to
our beloved country.

While we have to deplore the untimely death of our
beloved and honored President, Abraham Lincoln, and
that of the many thousands who have been slain in
camps and upon the battle fields, since the commencement
of this awful struggle, while we greatly deplore this
short cut intermission of human life, and the miseries

cause of this cruel war, our hearts are lifted up in praise
and thanksgiving to Him who is judgment, remember
mercy. He hath seen the afflictions of His people
and heard their cry. He has commanded to loose
the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burden,
and let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke.
Verily it is the Lord's doings, and marvellous in our
eyes. Blessed forever be His holy name.

We have been forcibly reminded of the uncertainty
of life and all things temporal; and of the necessity
while time and opportunity are afforded, of seeking
an inheritance incorruptible, and that fadeth not away.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friends
from Green from Ireland, and that of other dear
friends from neighbouring yearly meetings, through whom
gospel messages have been freely delivered. May we thank
our Heavenly Father and commemorate His goodness,
in that He continues to remember us by sending His
dedicated ministers, to preach the glad tidings of
peace and salvation, through a crucified but risen Lord.

We have been strengthened and encouraged by the
sisterly communications received and read, at this
time, from all the yearly meetings which with us
correspond, except Iowa. And we have been favored to
transact the important affairs of the Church, in
harmony and love, desiring that all may be done to
the honor of Him, to whom all honor is due, both
now and forevermore.

Now, dear Sisters, with desire that our blessed
Lord may be with you and me, and prosper us in
things pertaining to our souls welfare, we bid you
farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Sarah S. Tobey Clark

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters.

Our hearts have been made glad by the receipt of your epistle of 11th inst. last, and we can feelingly respond to your expression of gratitude to the God and Father of all our mercies, whose protecting care has been extended over you when surrounded by perils of no ordinary character. May the aspiration ascend from every heart "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

In the termination of the bloody warfare in which our beloved country has been involved, we recognize the hand of Him who caneth the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath is able to restrain. And we believe that all things will work together for good to those who love and fear the Lord. While we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved and honored President by the hands of cruel and ungodly men, we desire to receive, even in the view of this consummation of evil thought and purpose the solemn lesson, that while he that hath clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger, "the wicked shall be snared in their own nets," and that there is no safety for any of us while found in rebellion against the Divine will.

In the deliverance of our colored brethren from long continued and cruel bondage, we realize the faithfulness of our God. That He is not slack concerning His promises, but for the righting of the poor and the exaltation of the needy, He will arise in His own time. May we remember that He hath made of one blood all nations of men that dwell upon the face of the earth, and be prepared to advance the interests of this down trodden race in every way pointed out by the Living Father of us all.

We have rejoiced to hear that your boarding school has been well sustained, and that our beloved society

among you has received an accession of numbers and strength. May our Father in Heaven continue His preserving care over us all, give us strength to do His will in our different allotments and under our varying circumstances and surroundings, and grant an inheritance at last among that innumerable company, who, gathered out of every nation, kindred, tongue and people and having come out of great tribulation have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend William Green, from Ireland, with that of several dear friends from your own and other Early Meetings, and we thankfully accept these gospel messengers as a tokens of divine regard.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah & Toby Clark

To Indiana's yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We trust it is under the cementing influence of that Christian love, which breathes the language of "peace on earth and good will to men" that we feel to address you as sisters beloved in the truth. We have received your acceptable epistle of 14th M^r. last, which with similar testimonials of sisterly love from other Early Meetings with whom we correspond, have been as a brook by the way, encouraging us to hold fast those precious testimonies which adorn the truth, and are so beautifully exemplified in the life and sufferings of our Holy Redeemer.

This our annual meeting has been large, and we humbly trust has been owned by the over shadowing presence of him who is pleased to preside as Head over

in His righteous judgment, tendering the hearts of many
of the beloved youth and drawing them with the cords
of His love to give up their hearts to Him, to be fashioned
and formed according to His will, thereby qualifying
them for usefulness in His militant Church, and the
promotion of His blessed cause of truth and righteousness
in the earth.

We feel as a people and as individuals humbly and
thankfully to rejoice that the banner of peace is once
unfolded over our beloved country, the chains of the
bond men are severed, and freedom proclaimed to the
captive slave. In the liberation of millions of our co-
lonial population from cruel bondage, and in bringing
to naught the devices of wicked men against our
government, the Christian observer cannot fail to trace
the hand of an over-ruling Providence. May we not
say in the fulness of our hearts, "Great and marvellous
are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are
all thy ways, thou King of saints."

May we, dear friends, continue to be engaged that our
charity and sympathy be freely extended for the help
and assistance of this long injured and oppressed people
that their minds may be instructed and enlightened to
enable them to provide for their temporal and spiritual
need; that they be no longer a down trodden and oppressed
host. We feel deeply to lament the death of our be-
loved and honored President, under such painful cir-
cumstance, and while we mourn a nation's loss we
dare to bow in submission to the will of Him, who we
doubt not, in His infinite wisdom, has permitted this
affliction. May the mantle of the dear departed rest
upon his successor, that actuated by the same spirit,
he may be enabled to do justly, love mercy, and was
humbly with his God.

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beloved friend, William Green from Ireland, with many
other dear friends from other yearly meetings, whose com-
pany and religious services have been a blessing and

strengthening to our minds.

With the salutation of love we remain your affec-

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Eastern Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

With feelings of thankfulness for fresh mercies, we again offer you the salutation of our love, and acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of last year, the reading of which, together with others from different yearly meetings, has afforded comfort and encouragement.

In consideration of what has taken place in our beloved country during the past year, our hearts are bowed in humble gratitude to our Father in Heaven. The battle of the warrior, with confuted noise, and garments rolled in blood, we hope no more to realize in our midst. With mingled emotions of joy and sorrow we welcome the better day, a day in which liberty is proclaimed to the captive, and while we mourn a kind and gracious provision in the liberation of the enslaved, we mourn the loss of our beloved and honored Chief Magistrate, through whose instrumentality the oppressed have been set free. Truly the judgments of the Lord are a great deep! May we, in simplicity of heart, walk worthy of the creation wherewith we are called, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together; but trusting in the Saviour's gracious promise to be with those who meet in His name, is it not our highest privilege to come apart with Him from Earth's cares, and sit together at His feet waiting to hear and do His will?

We acknowledge with gratitude that in the several sittings of this yearly meeting the canopy of divine

Love has been spread over us, and consider the cementing influence we have been permitted to rejoice together. Much counsel and encouragement have been imparted. Our beloved young friends have been exhorted to leave aside those things which are inconsistent with the Christian adorning and give in their praises to serve the Lord. many we all remember that
when the Lord loveth, He chasteneth.^{that} He doth not
hurt willingly nor grieve the children of men, but
as we are brought to experience our own divine sanctification
by the power of Redeeming Grace, whereby a conformity
to the Divine will is wrought, we shall, in this
present state of probation know of being justified by
faith, having peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friends
William Green, from Ireland, and several other friends
from different yearly Meetings, whose labors of love are
truly acceptable and edifying.

Precious is the evidence that we are one people,
that truth speaks the same language everywhere,
reminding how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity.

In the fellowship of the Gospel, we bid you
farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Although we have not at this time received any
written from you, yet we feel drawn to communicate
with you, more especially as we have at this time
among us some gospel messengers from within your
borders.

These and other dedicated servants of the Lord Jesus
have many trials to undergo, and many heavy burdens
to experience; yet they since a loving Master who is
faithful, will yet receive the welcome assurance, "Behold
I give good and faithful servants under those who enter the
gate of the Lord."

We have come up to our annual gathering with
a deep sense of our own weakness and inability if
conscious to do any good thing; but with a hope
that the promise may be verified unto us "They
that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Many changes have occurred since we last com-
municated with you. The direful scourge of war
has been in great measure removed from our
midst and, while our hearts were uplifted in
thankfulness for the blessing of peace, our beloved
incident was suddenly taken from us. We mourn
not as those without hope for the departed, but we
deeply feel our loss, and can but humble ourselves
before the Power who lent him to us in our season
of great need, and trust the future to the same
Almighty care.

We are thankful that the great evil of slavery
exists no longer among us, and trust we may none
of us be found wanting in the important work of
ameliorating the condition of its long-oppressed victims.
We are told that to loose the bands of wickedness, to
let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke, is
acceptable in the Divine sight, and surely His
blessing will rest on endeavors to aid those bound
in ignorance, destitute of physical comforts, and,
many of them, under the heavy yoke of sin.

Such concern has been expressed among us in regard
to the Christian hopes of our youth. Parents have been
reminded that theirs is a sacred and responsible trust
to rear the bud of promise for the garden of immortality.
The Lord, who when on earth, called the little children
to Him and blessed them, is still calling with the

in an account of His love. By your my daughter, give me
thine heart! may this be encouraged to come in thy af-
fairs, trust to the clear Vision and guided by His
will and obedient to its dictates may all both older
and younger be brought into sweet communion in
Jesus.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, for New England, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 10th, and at Newport for discipline, on Second day morning the 11th of June 1856.

By the Report received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

Rhode Island - Elizabeth Mader, Sarah T. Joby, Deborah Howland, Mary A. Smith, Gertrude W. Parton, Esther Chase, Hannah Dow, Gulielma Hubbard, Ruth Anthony, Phube S. Anthony, Eliza Jane Collins, and Anna A. Gould.

Galein - Abigail M. Hanson, Mary E. Brad, Beulah W. Rogers, Sophia Holoway, Ruth J. Challis, Mary Pease, Elizabeth Page, and Hannah Page.

Sandwich - Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas T. Jackson, Susan Jobe, Betsey Akin, Phube R. Gifford, Maria D. Smith, Sarah T. Bowman, Phube S. Delano, Elizabeth Ann Glade and Rebecca a Church.

Portsmouth - Anna J. Rich, Phube H. Fry, Jane C. Minot, Jane Pope, Juliette Pope, Lucy R. Douglass and Martha E. Pratt.

Smithfield - Phube Andrews, Phube S. Marsh, Ann W. Cade, Lucy L. Collins, Mary A. Randall and Elizabeth J. Rathbun.

Vassalboro' - Ann E. Lang, Hannah T. Jackson, Elizabeth J. Cook, Eliza P. Gardiner, Lydia P. Fry, Hannah T. Pilbrook, Mary G. Jones, and Jane A. Varney.

Liver - Susan L. Mader, Eliza P. Varney, Gulielma Parington, Hannah N. Meader, and Abigail C. Braden.

Fairfield - Anna Winslow, Betsey J. Bailey, Mary J. Page, Anna W. Farr, Mary Wing and Emilie J. Myers.

No names being called, they are all present except those for whom absent satisfactory reasons were assigned.

By the Report from the Quarterly Meeting, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. Peckham to the Station of Elder. Jonathan Dame, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th Month 31st 1865, aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Narragansett reports, a Minister and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died 7th Month 31st 1865 aged 79 years 11 months and 27 days.

Pawtuxet informs that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Daniel Pude, and in the appointment of Sarah Holow to the Station of Elder; that Martha Meader, a Minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 31st of 10th Month, 1865. in the 78th year of her age.

Sandwich reports, that Huldah Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Month 12th 1865, aged 84 years 4 months, 28 days; and that Anna C. Almy, an Elder and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting died 1st Month 31st 1866. aged 66 years 3 months and 18 days.

Dartmouth reports that it has united with Duxbury Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Calvin S. Goddard; that Cunice Day, a minister and member of the same meeting, deceased 4th Month 8th 1866. aged 52 years, 8 months, and 9 days; and also that Charity Crossman, an Elder, died on the 5th of 5th Month 1866. aged 86 years 2 months, and 4 days.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail S. Wattay and Lucy G. Taylor to the Station of Elders; and that Lydia Gates, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died 11th Month 19th 1865, aged 92 years, 8 months and 17 days; and that Phoebe S. Pond, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st Month 25th 1866, aged 68 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Vassalboro' report that it has united with China Monthly meeting in discontinuing the appointment of Henry

Carry to the Station of Elder, with Van Albord's Monthly Meeting in appointing Elijah Clark and Hezekiah Pope, with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Frye and William A. Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Robert Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the station of Elder. James Van Blarcom, a minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 7th Month 12th, 1865, aged 47 years 11 months 18 days. Nathan Mower, an Elder, died 8th Month, 7th 1865, aged 89 years 6 months. Anna Cates, a minister, died 10th Month 25th, 1865, aged 66 years 8 months, 15 days; and Edward Whithouse, an Elder, deceased 14th Month 10th 1866, aged 82 years 5 months 12 days; all members of Van Albord's Monthly Meeting.

Fairfield — informs of the decease of Daniel Shepherd, an Elder, and member of St Albans Monthly Meeting, 5th Month, 29th, 1864, aged 64 years 1 month and 12 days.

Interesting Epistles from our dear Sisters of Lublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Western and Iowa Party Meetings have been received and read; and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way opens for it, prepare essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting — viz —

Sarah A. Joby, Eliza B. Boyce, Hub R. Gifford, Mercy K. Wing, Rhoda H. Tabor, Cynthia Renow, Gertrude N. Eastland, Deborah Cissman, Susan Tabor, Olivia C. Oliver, Jane C. Must, Eliza Hale, Mercy P. Osborn, Elizabeth C. Wing, Anna E. Wood, Mary B. Read, Rachel S. Hartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia Congdon, Lydia P. Fry, Lucy A. Collins, Sarah E. Varney, Abigail C. Beete, Charity G. Dillingham, Mary B. Bradford, Emma W. Farr, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Maria Chase, Ann B. Earle, Lydia P. Jr., Dorcas F. Tucker, Ruth H. Baker, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary W. Atwater, Elizabeth Mader and Maria B. Smith.

We appoint our friends Abigail M. Hanson, Mary E. Wood, Gertrude N. Eastland, Margaret Cates, and Mary A. Smith, to prepare a summary from the answers to the Questions proposed to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rising of this Meeting to confer on the subject of Clerk, and repeat the afternoon.

Having been permitted to sit this morning, as under the dropings of the sanctuary, and to feel our spirits strengthened and refreshed together, under a grateful sense of this added blessing, we adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Not near 4 O'clock

Whebe R. Gifford, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Sarah A. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being considered by this Meeting, was approved, and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

We have, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, John L. Eddy, David H. Bennett, Lucy Bedell, and Elizabeth Cunstock, from New York Yearly Meeting; Samuel Bettie, from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; John Scott and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jesse J. Hartley and Rebecca C. Updegraff, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Jacob Hadley and Benjamin Fulgham from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and of Eli Jessup, from Iowa Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were received.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Mary Eddy, accompanying her husband John L. Eddy, Maria Willets, companion to our friend Deborah C. Thomas, and Lucinda Hadley, accompanying her husband Jacob Hadley, and satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were presented and read.

Our beloved friend, Mary B. Jessup, accompanying her husband Eli Jessup, is in attendance of this Meeting, and a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as

a member, and with her present engagement, was read.

Our beloved friend, Hannah G. Petit, accompanying our friend, Rebecca J. Updegraff, is also acceptably in attendance at this meeting, and a minute from a Committee of Shad Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a member, and with her present engagement, has been read.

We have also the company of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, which is truly acceptable to us.

The London printed Epistle of last year, filled with instruction, and touching upon many points of deep and solemn interest, has been acceptably read at this time, and we desire that the truth it contains and the spirit that it breathes may rest abidingly with us.

We adjourn to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning.—met near 10 O'clock.

The minutes of last year were read. Entred upon the State of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers, and proceeded as far as the 2^a inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—met near 4 O'clock.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and in considering the State of Society, as thus brought before us, much wholesome counsel and Christian admonition from faithful messengers of Christ have been handed forth; and we have been reminded that we should be anxious often to come before the Lord, with earnest desire that we may be strengthened by Him for the fulfillment of all our duties, and for increased faithfulness in assembling to worship Him. Has it not proved oftentimes, when we have gathered together to wait upon the Lord for the renewal of our strength, that He has descended to be in our midst, thus verifying the truth of the promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in

my name, then am I in the midst of them." If then, his love and mercy are so great to us, we are bound to assemble ourselves together in the place where prayer is wont to be made, and reverently to wait upon Him. And at these seasons, though we may sit in silence, covenants may be made, and prayers raised to our Father in Heaven, which He will, in his love and mercy, be pleased to hear and answer.

Have ye love one unto another, was the command of our blessed Redeemer. If we are true believers in Christ Jesus, and know his love to be shed abroad in our hearts, we shall find no excuse for not loving our neighbor, even though he may have many faults. We are none of us free from error; we have many weaknesses to contend with, and as we are to find forgiveness for our shortcomings only as we extend it to others, how important is it that we should, "with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love," cultivate those feelings that would prevent our speaking ill of another, or in any way indulging in a spirit of detraction, but rather obey the injunction, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone."

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make men unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, has been brought before us at this time, and mothers have been tenderly intrusted to collect their children, morning and evening, for the reading of those blessed Truths, asking of our Father in Heaven that He will bless these opportunities, and cause them to be seasons of mutual refreshment from the Lord. Home cares and home duties often press heavily upon the mother of a family; yet, as she is concerned to gather the lambs together, and spend a little time in this manner, we believe her strength will be equal to the hour, and that after the spirit of prayer, uttered in unexpressed, will be breathed upon them. It will be sweet to tell the children that God is love; it will be still sweeter to tell them that God is love. And then how blessed, in days to come, if they should be called away from us, will be the

Reflection that we have done what we could; that
the time & might be bring them to the Savior, and to seek
his blessing upon them. Let us strive, in this and every
other duty, to be faithful unto death, that we may finally
receive the crown of life.

The subject of the proper use of the plain Scripture
language, and of simplicity of action, has been dwelt
upon at this time, and we have been reminded of the
trial, and persecution, the founders of this Society endured,
in the faithful maintenance of those testimonies; and we
have been urged, both mothers and daughters, to a careful
and individual consideration of our several duties in
this respect. And to our dear young sisters, many of
whom are in attendance of this meeting, and who are
truly the joy of the present, and the hope of succeeding
generations, the call has again and again gone forth,
Come to Jesus; come and give your young hearts to Him,
the blessed Savior; come while the blossom of your youth
is brightest, and resign yourselves to Him: His hand is
extended to you, His arms are open to secure you, and
will you not come unto Him who has done so much for
you? He died that you might live; and are you ashamed
to confess Him before men? He has created you for purposes
of his own glory; he has placed you upon this beautiful
earth to work for Him for a little season, and has given
you all things richly to enjoy; and while partaking of
his outward blessings and beholding the beauty that He
has wrought and scattered with such profusion around
you, be concerned, above every other consideration, to
press forward after that spiritual beauty of which
there are but the emblems. Be willing to make sacrifices;
to offer yourselves for any service his blessed will may
appoint, and in a spirit of self-renouncing love, follow
Him whithersoever He may be pleased to lead; so shall
your peace flow as a river, and your righteousness as
the waves of the sea.

We sensibly feel at this time the void occasioned
by the absence of many who were wont to mingle with

us on their solemn occasions, now who we trust are
removed to their everlasting rest. And while the query
has arisen, who shall fill the places of these? a fear has been
expressed that there is a want of faithfulness with some in coming
forward in the work and service of the Lord. One after another
passes away; one light after another goeth out on earth; mantles
have fallen in our midst that have need to be gathered up.
There can only be won by such as are willing to come forward,
and under the qualifying power of Him who has enabled others
to praise and magnify His holy name, to labor in His cause.
The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few.
Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth
into his harvest.

The language of encouragement has been offered, from
sitting to sitting, to some in the meridian of life who may
have commenced their Heavenly journey, but because of
discouragement which do abound, are halting on their
way, often feeling that they are not worthy to name the name
of Jesus. May these remember how it was formerly, when
one declared. I am of unclean lips; one of the seraphim
took a live coal from off the altar and touched his lips,
and his iniquity was pardoned and his sin purged. The
same Almighty power that has touched the lips of his
servants from generation to generation, and qualified them
to declare the glad tidings of his Gospel, is as able now as
ever he was to help and sustain those who put their trust
in him. Therefore may we not be discouraged, but lift up
our head in hope, and take up anew our onward march
toward the glorious city of Zion's King; seeking not for great
things, but remembering that the one talent, lightly improved,
is as acceptable to our Heavenly Father, as more; and though
our humble faithfulness in the Redeemer's cause may be accounted
poverty amongst men, they will prove to us durable riches in
the Kingdom of Heaven.

The following is a summary of the answers received;

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and for

discipline have been attended, except in a few small ones omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather - though on first day mornings, by the greater part of our number, - afternoon and mid-week meetings not so fully attended - the hour is usually observed - mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior.

Answer 2^d. Love and unity are maintained by most friends, and a care prevails to guard against delusion, when differences have arisen some care has been taken to cool them.

Answer 3^e. We trust there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, but with some a want of religious concern on account of their testimony is apparent - We believe there is a care to guard against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and that most friends endeavor to be good examples themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Answer 5^f. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved - Their children partake of learning. We know of none placed far among friends.

Answer 4^g. Friends are generally careful in the several requisitions of this Query.

Answer 6^h. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Answer 7ⁱ. Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the several requisitions of this Query.

Answer 8^j. We believe friends are careful in the several particulars of this Query.

Answer 9^k. Careful as to recording - not wholly clear in regard to certificating - some care taken.

Answer 10^l. We believe there is a care amongst friends to deal with offenders as the Query requires, though we are sensible of delay in some instances - and to placing most where it appears necessary according to discipline.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted; and the Committee re-appointed who served last year. It is as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,— The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz. sixty-seven males and forty-three females; and in the winter term one hundred and sixty-four, viz. ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred A. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca A. Smiley, Principal of the Female department; John F. Howell, Beppie J. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amy E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the school house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, the religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the A.M., on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the School. On the 12th of 8th Month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R.I. fell from a tree receiving internal injury, which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: "We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report of the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their son's departure is his gain!"

By the Report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the price of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rate of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz: For members of our Yearly Meeting \$105 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and others, or whose parents are members of our Religious Society, a scholar on set at the charge of such \$100 per term, and for any others who may be admitted \$150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German & Drawing, as hitherto.

The subject of the present division of the School year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the Spring and Autumn, has claimed our careful consideration.

This arrangement continues the School in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the Ninth Month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater preparational advantages than by continuing but half of the time.

While we earnestly recommend this course, when practically, we do not at present propose that it should be obligatory, but that should be granted for withdrawal from the School at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be optional.

present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th Month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26th of 6th Month 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty two weeks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the School, and one half at the re-opening after the recess, viz: For members of our Yearly Meeting, \$96.; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, \$150.; and for any others who may be admitted, \$240. An additional charge of \$10. for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the School for the next School year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th Month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund', or of the 'Jacob Mecalf Mecalf Donation', should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habit, and literary acquirements of the applicant. Address Albert A. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School Providence. R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Gibbet Congdon, Clerk.

Committee

Isaac Montague, Rhoda A. Taber, Sarah J. Tracy,
Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lucy
D. Kilinson, Maria P. Tucker, Sarah J. Gampser,
Ann H. East, Anna D. Hinman and Rebecca C. Hinman.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fairst Day Morning.—Not agreeably to adjournment.

An interesting testimony from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Ruth Davis; and one from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Martha Meader, have been read, causing their memories sweetly before us. May their humble walk through life, their noble and gentle spirit, their early and continued devotion and dedication to their Heavenly Father, call incite us to seek to follow them as they followed Christ.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Not much - O'clock

An interesting testimony of Haver Monthly Meeting, approved by Lever Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sarah B. Robey, and one from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Eliza M. Farr, have been read. "The memory of the just is blessed;" and we desire that their faithfulness to manifest duty and their careful walk with God, may be remembered with profit by us.

Essays of Epistles to Dublin and Western Yearly Meetings have been read and approved.

The following Report of the Committee on Education has been read and accepted, and the Committee who served last year are continued, with substituting the names of Mary W. Atwater, of Providence Monthly Meeting, in place of Elizabeth A. Congdon, deceased, and Susan L. Beebe of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in place of Mary S. Lee, deceased, and Abigail Gould of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in place of Sarah Strong, removed.

"Is The Yearly Meeting?

The Committee on the subject of Education Report—That we believe the Friends constituting this Committee have endeavored to labor in their several Monthly Meetings, for the promotion of the object for which they were appointed and although the reports may not show much improvement,

in communicating one year with another, yet it is evident that, in the aggregate, much has been accomplished during the twenty years which have transpired since this subject claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting. We are convinced, however, there is still great necessity for earnest, united, prayerful labor, not only on the part of the Committee, but for all the members of our Society to endeavor to promote, by every laudable means, the guarded, religious and literary education of our dear youth and children.

Circulars have been sent to each Monthly Meeting; and the following statistical information has been received, which is believed to be full and correct.

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

Newport 6th Month 13th 1866.

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting

below the age of 5 and 21 years -

{ 986

The number of Monthly Meeting Schools

2

The number of Preparative Meeting Schools

1

The number of Family Schools

3

The number of Friends' children who have attended
School the past year

{ 879

The number of Friends' children who have attended

Schools taught by Friends, or under their control { 244

The number of Members engaged in teaching

131

The number of our members obtaining an education at
Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends

54

The number of First day Schools, under the care of Friends

47

Average length of time these schools are kept

8 months

The number of Scholars attending these schools

1562

The number of Friends attending the same

821

The number of Teachers engaged in them

208

The number of Bible Classes

17

The number of Friends attending Bible classes

219

The number of Friends belonging to the Yearly
Meeting on the 1st of 3rd Month 1866 - { 4674

Women's Committee.—Cynthia Bowen, Juliette Fulton,
Mary W. Atwater, Mary H. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia P. Chase,
Elizabeth T., Susan L. Biddle, Elizabeth C. Wing, Roll A.
Shepherd, Lydia Grinn, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca Church,
Sarah Teller, Abigail S. Battley, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Whalen,
Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H.
Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia Jones, Jane H. Varny,
Anna M. Evans, Eliza P. Varny, Abigail Gould, Hannah
R. Wing, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.

We adjourn to the time Men Friends met to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon—Met at 4 o'clock

The Representatives being called, are all present except few.
The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the freed
people of color, presented the subjoined Report, which is
very interesting and satisfactory to us, and the propositions
therein made are approved. The Friends, now under
appointment are continued to act on behalf of this Meeting,
and we desire their encouragement; and friends are
invited to contribute liberally in their freedom to promote
this very interesting object.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee under appointment to promote efforts
for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of Color
report, that our efforts and the contributions of Friends have
been principally directed to the maintenance of the Mission
at Washington, and considerable time has been spent there
by some of the Committee in a personal supervision of its affairs.

Our means of usefulness have been materially increased
by the kind and efficient cooperation of the officers of the
Freedmen's Bureau, who, while availing themselves of the
opportunity of giving orders upon our stores for small supplies
to the disease and suffering cases in their care, have through
their agency, enabled us to procure, direct from the Committee of

department, at Government prices, many of our wants for the mission family, thereby materially reducing the cost of its maintenance.

Our friend, William A. Sampson, has continued in charge of the store, and his energy and persevering labor has greatly contributed to its usefulness.* The capital now employed in furnishing a stock of goods for the store is \$3,700. The whole amount of sales, to 5th March 31st, 1866, is \$49,749.

The colored people, by purchasing their goods at this establishment at cost prices, have saved at least 20 per cent of their earnings, while its benefits have been more widely extended by the great reduction of the exorbitant prices charged at other shops in the city frequented by the Freedmen.

The Freedmen's Bureau have urged the establishment of another store in a different position, and have offered to provide a suitable building, provided Friends would furnish the stock and assume its management. The subject is, in our estimation worthy of consideration, could a suitable person be obtained to be placed in charge.

Our Executive Committee have, since last year, purchased seven lots of land very near the Mission buildings, containing 17,500 feet, at a cost of \$2,625.

Cost of three houses, with sheds and goods complete for ten families } \$3,016.18.

They have also drawn from the Treasury for building another house, now under contract, to contain four tenements \$1,200.

\$6,841.18.

The land was arranged for six of these houses, each to accommodate four families, and should the necessary funds be contributed, we commend to Friends the subject of the erection of the remaining two houses during the present year. Our sub-Committee report that hardly any branch of our operations has been more beneficial to these people, or more effectual in raising them in the scale of

* James Arthur and Thomas Try, two Friends resident in Washington have frequently rendered very efficient aid to Wm. A. Sampson by their attendance at the store and the committee wish to express to them their grateful appreciation of this service.

civilization and social improvement than these little houses. The stimulating effect upon the community, when they have run in what comparative comfort the few occupants of our houses can live, has been unmistakable. The high prices charged for rent of the little shanties in the neighborhood have been considerably reduced since our houses were built, and the landlords have been forced to render some of the cabins more comfortable in order to satisfy the occupants.

The Schools.

On the 9th of 10th Month last, our Superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Battie, returned to Washington, and have continued in the discharge of their varied duties until this time. In accordance with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting, their first care was to prepare a room for school, which was opened on the 17th of 10th month with 25 scholars. The attendance rapidly increased, and another room was soon found necessary, which was seated with 50 small chairs for the infant department. The schools under the care of Rebecca W. Mason as Principal, and Sarah J. Carey and Mary L. Hawes as Assistants, have, we believe, been faithfully and ably sustained. The average attendance has been about 188. These teachers will continue the schools until the 1st of 9th Month.

An evening school for adults was sustained during six months, for three evenings in the week, with an attendance varying from 60 to 80 scholars. All the members of the family are engaged in the school as teachers, and numerous instances of a remarkable aptness for learning and of rapid improvement was observed.

One of the most deeply interesting features of the Mission is our First Day School, with an attendance sometimes reaching 200 pupils. We desire gratefully to acknowledge the valuable assistance of several residents of Washington who kindly volunteered as teacher in the school.

The sewing school has been vigorously kept up under the supervision of Abby S. Battie, assisted by Maria J. Watson and Pamela C. Varney, who have rendered their laborious service, gratuitously for the greater part of the time.

One Hundred and Seventy four women have been employed, who have made 1259 garments, and have received for their work \$680.97.

Visiting Agent.

Sarah E. Wall remains our efficient visitor to the poor and destitute, and has distributed gratuitously, up to the first instant, 4,000 articles, of bedding and clothing (including 200 new blankets) amounting to \$24.500
Groceries amounting to 600
Fuel 312
Shoes 500

Our Visitor reports at the present time some sickness among the people, and is very desirous that one may be sent to take her place in caring for the sick and suffering, while she takes a recess, which she greatly needs.

The Freedmen's Bureau, in their plan of operations for the city, issued a commission to Sarah E. Wall a visiting agent for our district on their behalf, and have in other respects kindly cooperated with us in our labors.

Some attention has been given to instruction in making baskets, huck mats and in straw braiding, but the Committee believe that, for the next winter, teachers should be especially employed for this department.

There is a large class of persons who, from various causes, will remain in the city, to whom employment of this kind would be a great blessing, and enable them in good measure to maintain themselves, instead of depending on charity. The necessity of providing employment, rather than giving alms to these people, has forced itself upon us, as the demoralization resulting from the latter cause has become more apparent, and we earnestly recommend that the future efforts of Friends in their behalf should be principally in this direction.

Upon a review of the field, we are united in the belief that the interest and necessities of the Freedmen continue to claim the care and sympathy of Friends and that the maintenance of our establishment at Washington is still greatly needed.

The current expenses of the Mission family and the schools

will amount to between four and five Thousand dollars for the coming year, and we would again recommend the liberal contributions of Friends, for this object. It will be seen by Friends, that the design of the Committee has been to render the establishment more largely self-sustaining in the future, and this design necessarily involves the accumulation of some property in Washington. With this view, we would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that this property, purchased by the voluntary contribution of Friends, and any funds eventually accruing from it, should, under the direction of the Meeting, be devoted to the permanent improvement and elevation of the Freed-people, in such manner as future circumstances may render expedient.

Our Sub-Committee are desirous of conveying to the Yearly Meeting, through this channel, their sense of obligation to our Mission Superintendents, Richard and Abby F. Battie, for their hearty co-operation in the work, and also their thanks to all the officers of the Mission, whose zeal and self-sacrificing devotion, have greatly strengthened our hands, and entitled them to the gratitude of Friends.

For the Committee, Henry P. Wood, Clerk
Newport, 6th month 12, 1866."

The Committee to present a report of the contributions to the Freedmen, since our last Yearly Meeting present the following statement.

Received.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting from all sources	\$1,902.00
Salisbury	" " "
Sandwich	" " "
" Smithfield	" " "
" Dover	" " "
" Palmouth	" " "
" Narragansett	" " "
" Fairfield	" " "

Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings \$9,238.43

Of the above, it appears that there has been raised on Cash this year \$85,143.22
And in clothing and goods, " " " " " 4,095.21
\$9,238.43

Received from other sources.

English Friends, 7 packages good,	1800.
Friedman's Bureau, 1 Case of goods, and wood	400.
Philadelphia Friends, 50 lbs blankets and 2 boxes goods	434.
Norwich Friends Society 2 boxes goods	181.78
St James' Church, Woonsocket, 1 box goods	30.00
Soldiers Aid Society, North Sharon and South Bedlam, one can of goods	34.00
North Sharon and South Bedlam, Cash	50.00
	<u>\$1,929.78</u>

Expended for the Mission at Washington

Purchasing land	\$2,125.00
Appropriated to the building of houses, fence, and shed	4,216.15
School teacher, salaries and travelling expenses	572.72
School books, Fuel, &c	174.49
Mission agent, including salaries, travelling expenses and all the supplies for the family of nine persons from 3 rd Mo 15 th 1815, to 6 th 1 st 1816.	2,886.87
Building fences, repairing Mission home and Schoolhouse	321.31
Capital added to Stow fund	1,200.00
	<u>\$11,996.54</u>

On behalf of the Washington Committee

Edward W. Howland

Newport 6th Month 12th 1816.

Recapitulation

Amount acknowledged by the Treasurer	\$12,550.17
Contributions by the Quarterly Meetings, in goods	4,095.21
Other Contributions	1,929.78
Total	<u>\$18,575.16</u>

Disbursements

Clark paid the Washington Committee	\$11,006.54
Contributions in clothing, fire and fuel	6,024.99
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	553.63
	<u>\$18,575.16</u>

Women's Committee.—Sarah St. John, Ruth D. Gifford,
Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. French, Eliza W. Dodge,
Abigail M. Hanson, Anna G. Ward, Maria H. May, Gulielma
W. Denland, Phoebe Poppe, Jane C. Minot, Esther Nichols, Helen
A. Marke, Phoebe S. Marsh, Ann B. Earle, Lydia P. May—
Rachel B. Nichols, Peace Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Huldah
G. Buffum, Lois J. Green, Lucia W. Harr, Sarah J. Sampson,
Fanny Pinkham, Sarah St. Anthony, Deborah L. Robinson,
Elizabeth Brad. Abigail S. Battie, Sarah G. Karpston,
Cynthia J. Earle, Ann Maria Tiffey, Ruth J. Challis, Eliza
P. Varny, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Slade, Caroline Hazard,
Elizabeth C. Wing, Fannie Huntington, Elizabeth Jane Collier,
Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gore, Elizabeth Potter, Amy
J. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha
Austin, Gulielma Prudom, Mary B. Wing, Sarah
Slade, Abby W. Pratt, Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah Day,
Sarah Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Dow, Mary
Metcalf, Anna J. Dennis, Celinda Metcalf, alia Little,
Charity D. Sibley, Anne, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker,
Martha C. Pratt, Roanna W. Grover, Sarah Cartland,
Jane Pope and Ellen A. Buffum.—

An acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of
the present year, has been received and read.

Epistles of Friends to our Sisters of London, New York, Ohio,
North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore and Iowa Yearly Meetings,
have been read and approved, and the Clerk is requested
to sign the same, with those read at a former sitting, and
forward them to those Meetings respectively.

A Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders,
expressive of their Unity and Concord with our dear friends
Eli and Fybil Jones in their proposed Religious visit to
Great Britain and some places on the continent of Europe,
has been read, and is as follows, viz.:—

"Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

6th Month 14th 1866.

The Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

of our unity and concurrence with our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones, in their proposed religious service, and believing the Yearly Meeting at large would be interested in bearing the anticipated field of their labor, it is thought proper to seal the certificates granted to them for the information of Friends

From the Minutes

To the Yearly Meeting,

Wm C. Taber, Clerk

And we appoint Sarah S. Jobey, Rachel S. Houtman, Susan Harland, Horace P. Tucker, Mary E. Brad and Gertrude W. Cartland, to unite with a similar Committee of Friends in giving such care and attention in the case as may be called for.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Rebecca J. Updegraff, and similar ones, for our friends Deborah C. Thomas and Elizabeth Comstock, viz

"Our beloved friend Rebecca J. Updegraff attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign the following minute for our friend Mary Eddy, viz

"Our beloved friend Mary Eddy attended this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us." and similar ones for Maria Willets, Lucinda Hadley, Mary Jessup and Asannah G. Pettib.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among its members.

Having been permitted to transact the business that has come before us, and witnessed as we humbly trust, from day to day, our Heavenly Father's love spread over us, under which we have been closely united together in the fellowship of the Gospel, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permits,

Sarah S. Jobey Clerk

Epistles

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournment from
the 10th of 6th Month to the 14th of the same, inclusive 1855.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Under a fresh sense of the mercy of our Heavenly Father in permitting us again to assemble as a yearly meeting, we have rejoiced in the remembrance of our beloved sister, absent in body, but one in faith and Christian fellowship - As such we salute you in the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

We feel that it is good for us to be here, and under the influence of that Power which can meet the heart, we have been brought into great tenderness of spirit, and realized indeed that God is love, and they that dwell in God dwell in love. May we all more and more witness the effect of this Power and be earnest in our prayers to be filled with the bread of life, that Grace may much more abound - that we may experience through regeneration, knowings of being made partakers by faith in the body of our Lord broken, and His blood shed for the remission of sin, that we also may have part in His glorious resurrection.

A deep concern has been over this meeting for greater individual faithfulness. The harvest is great and the laborers do not increase when the call is loud for more. We falter say O Lord revive thy work in the hearts of thy children.

May there be a cheerful readiness to work in His vineyard whenever he may appoint - as willing to plant, to water, to prune or train the vine, as to pluck the full grown fruit - Only desiring that God may be glorified and his work done on earth.

Much has been expressed on the duty of family worship, and mothers have been encouraged to gather their children for the reading of the Holy Scripture and devout waiting on God. His blessing will surely attend these seasons, and even the living child will feel that God is love.

The attendance of many of the Lord's messengers from other yearly meetings, who have participated in their success, has contributed largely to the interest of the meeting and made us feel that the Lord is still mindful of us. This precious opportunity increases our obligation to Him, who is the author of every good and perfect gift.

We gratefully acknowledge your sympathy and Christian co-operation in the new and widening field opened by the recent emancipation of the oppressed in our land, whose great necessities call for great and continued effort.

Dear Sisters, pray for us, that we may shrink from duty, either from the magnitude of the task, or from a sense of our own unfitness, but, relying on God, who can equally bless the little as the much, each do her part towards the spiritual and moral elevation of this much injured and degraded class.

Thus, as we do our day's work in the day time, at each evening close we may count ourselves one day nearer Heaven, and when the evening of life shall come, and we lay our burdens down, through the merit of a crucified Savior we may exchange the cross for a heavenly crown.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah A. Tobey Clark

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Lublin.

Dear Sisters,

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. In His love we desire to salute you.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of the past year, and our hearts have been warmed and comforted thereby.

Our meeting is large, and we are favored with the company of many of our brethren and sisters from other yearly meetings, drawn to visit us in the love of the gospel. The voices of warning, of consolation and of encouragement have been heard in our meetings, and the wants of all classes and conditions have been ministered to in the fresh flowings of gospel love. Mothers

have been tenderly encouraged to gather their dear children, often, around the family altar, and thus endeavour to lead their young hearts to the Savior, who took little children in His arms and blessed them. The dear young people have been earnestly entreated to give their hearts to Jesus, being assured that by so doing they are using the most effectual means of securing their happiness, even in this life. He will require the sacrifice of nothing that is not hurtful to their best and highest interest, while His rewards will be unlike any that the pleasures of this world can bestow. "Neither Grace nor Glory, nor any good thing will He withhold from them who walk uprightly." The experience of all who have reached the meridian or approached the evening of life, will, we believe, appear the assurance, that nothing but the service of God is worth living for, and without His favor and approving smile, we can have no true enjoyment. Let this, then, dear young sisters, be your resolve, to engage in nothing, upon which you cannot conscientiously ask the Divine blessing. Life is full of trials, but by the grace of God, we shall be enabled to surmount them, and they will be made the means of our purification, as in endeavour to keep fast hold of the Savior's hand, "that gaiding hand unseen," we shall be led safely along through the joys and sorrows with which the path of every human being is diversified. The promise is sure, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

While we desire that none may be so unwise as to put off the great work of reconciliation with God, pursuing upon His long suffering our forbearance, let none despise God's mercy. He who, "So loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life", will not turn away his pitying ear from the cry of any of the children whom He has created. If, conscious of our sins, and our unworthiness to appear in His holy presence, we come penitently to His footstool, asking forgiveness, let us remember He is more ready to grant than we are to ask it. Even under the dispensation of the Law, in the Jewish Temple, the mercy seat was of pure gold, and the cherubim covered it with their wings, with their faces traced

the mercy seat. How much more then, under the new dispensation, the dispensation of Love, may we believe that men who come unto God, asking Mercy in the name of His dear Son, shall be sent away, ~~un~~ safely away.

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
Oh Lamb of God, I come."

Just as I am, thy love unknown,
Has broken every barrier down,
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone
Oh Lamb of God, I come."

The claims of the people of color, raised from a state of ignorance and bondage, by the great struggle through which we have been passing, to take their place, in the ranks of Free-men, still have our interest and care. Much has been done, much, very much yet remains to be done in their behalf. We desire your prayers that our interest and efforts, for their instruction and elevation, may not grow cold or abate.

And now, dear sister, farewell. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To His be glory both now and forever.

With the salutation of love, we remain your sister,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Sarah A. Isbey, Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister.

We greet you with love of Christ, which in unmeasured mercy is felt to flow abundantly towards you. In an increased measure, we have felt we have been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony, and while this, a prominent object of our

assembling, has been kept in view; thus has evidently rested on the mind, of many a paramount object, - that of the salvation of souls, and the prayer has ascended on high, (we earnestly believe) that there might be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that sons and daughters would be born into the Kingdom. We are highly blessed with the company of many lively-hearted messengers for Christ, who labor with a vigilance and earnestness that the cause demands, inasmuch as all among us do not evince a saving interest in Jesus, whom to know is eternal life: "Oh that we may know, in this our day of gracious visitation, the things that belong to our peace, - that the love be not pronounced - but now they are forever hid from our eyes." We are called to mourn the removal by death, of many faithful standard bearers, during the past year, and the solemn truth has been impressed upon us, that our ranks are becoming thinned - that the removals exceed the accessions, calling forth this solemn appeal to the Church, where are the dedicated servants, that are willing to labor for their Lord - to work for Jesus. The diversity of gift has been fulsomely alluded to (which may have been too much overlooked in the past) - as well as the variety of them in that varied and individual capacity, with which God has severally endowed us - summing to be taken a more comprehensive view taken of the ability than is in the gospel of the dear Son of God.

The state of Society, as presented, has again baptized us into suffering, that there is still manifest in some an indifference to the solemn obligation resting upon us, as accountable beings, which must be traced to a want of more vital, saving experience in Divine things - that which will lead us, from a sense of our great need, to avail ourselves of all the means of grace that a loving compassionate Father has bestowed on us. Would we not then love to frequent the place of prayer in the church or the family altar - in the assemblies of God's people, where the minister of ministry often dignified to preach the living Word to His dependent children. May we not weary of this simple

get wantfully impulsive manner of worship, - for there are many that are called from other fields to this, that can testify of its peculiar fitness and adaptation to their spiritual wants. Bible reading in the family has been presented, as a delightful and necessary duty, and when engaged in, has often called forth from the very little ones even, - expressions like unto this - God is love.

Again we are called to mourn over the great evil of excessive dress, and of light reading, and to weigh its deleterious effect on the moral nature of our dear young people. These must unavoidably tend to dissipate their good impressions that have their birth in the thoughtful tender mind - kept so by not mingling in gay fashionable society, where the pure spiritual taste cannot be gratified by its glittering surroundings. Mothers are exhorted to labor in word and deed to obviate this evil, that there may continue to be in our Zion a succession of noble, self-denying mothers and daughters whose adorning will be that of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.

We are increasingly interested in Mission and First Day Schools - but yet there remains very much to be done in this broad field of labor.

The cause of the Freed people is still dear to us, and what we have done we feel to be but the beginning of what we should do in alleviating their sufferings, and in elevating them to a self-sustaining position in the world.

We have been cheered and strengthened by your lively and excellent Epistle, as well as others from sister Herald Meetings. This correspondence we view as a social link in the chain of usefulness, to buoy one another on in our journey Heavenward.

With the salutation of love we remain your sister,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, here in Baltimore

Dear Sisters.

Another year brings us again with one accord, we trust, in one place, and the annual meeting of your grateful hearts is not unmingled with sadness. "For the voice greeting over", our eyes glancing longingly around for loved ones gathered to their eternal rest. In love let us trust they were summoned so soon. And they rest as we rest, in God's mercy alone. But it does not become the Christian long to ponder on the seeming dark Providence, for we still live, and "life is brief and duty grave"; and the prophetic watchword comes down through years of eventful time, to us of the present, to the Church of Christ the world over, "Arise, Shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; The Lord shall be thine everlasting light and thy God thy glory. The Gentiles shall come to thy light and Kings to the brightness of thy rising. Then thou shalt see and know together, and thy heart shall fear and be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Lift up thine eyes round about and see, all thy gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy Sons shall come from far and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." Friends the query comes home to us singly, as individual members of the Church of Christ, - Come, is it not to you also? As we obey'd the call to arise and Shine, "making haste to rise, as time hastens on", casting cloth and self away, "taking up and waving wide the tunic, that light times thickest gloom," thus reflecting the light of our glorious Heads. To live to serve to rest at last, to move in idleness through earth, tilling, only the vineyard of our own hearts even, is not to live, is not to arise and Shine. Souls are to be won, the erring to be saved, the wandering to be gathered, the suffering and the sorrowing to be comforted, the hungry to be fed, the naked to be clothed, the sin-born child Sinner to be pointed to Jesus, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." Then will clean hands and pure hearts dedicated dedicated to the

service of Christ, will not our living answer to the object of our creation, our faith be shown by our works, and not only ourselves gathered into the fold, but going forth into the world, highways, compelling the wanderer to come in and partake freely of this common salvation. Thus by the individual, collective and harmonious arising of the Church universal, of which Christ is the alone Head, her ensign written in letters of living light, "Our Lord, our faith; our baptism;" the day shall be hastened, and we rejoice to anticipate it, when the day-spring of unfeigned knowledge and a holiness shall bless the world, for the fulfilment of the prophecy, "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our God and His Christ."

We would conclude with the salutation of love, and the grateful acknowledgment of the fresh visitations of the love of our Heavenly Father, through which all now have been ministered unto, and both the visited and the visitor from other branches of the Church, who have, in trust, effectively labored among us, can testify - "it is good for us to be so."

We remain with renewed interest, your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Fisher Clark

To Natt. Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sister,

Under a fresh and humble sense of the tender mercies of our Redemer, we feel drawn to offer you the salutation of your love, desiring that grace and peace may be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. We have been comforted by the reading of your excellent Epistles of last year and while deeply sympathizing with you in the trials that still cloud, we can with feelings of recent thankfulness acknowledge - "First of the words of the Lord". May it be given us to know that the word dwells in our heart by faith, that being rooted and grounded in love we may in all be perked with all saints, what-

is the breadth and length and depth and height and to
know the way Christ which passeth knowledge.

"Truly God is good to us all, we travel on the way
of clean heart." Let me think but a day the character of
His love, that being close & I from every defilement of flesh and
spirit we may perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord,

"For there to whom it is given on behalf of Christ not only to
believe, but to suffer for His name, the comforting knowledge of
the dear Redeemer applies - 'Fear not little flock, for it is your
Heavenly Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.' Joy
therefore that believe He is gracious! Let us seek, dear friends,
to abide in Him, that we may be found fruit bearing befitting
to His praise. Notwithstanding the Lord hath permitted great
and sore trials to befall us, yet, as His children or true faith-
ful to Him in covenant keeping, they will realize His promise
verified - "When thou passest through the water, I will be with thee;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou
walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall
the flame kindle upon thee."

The state of society being brought before us, a lively concern hath
prevailed for the right training of our children. Mothers have been
affectionately exhorted to guard their tender minds from the
enticing influences of a delusive world. It is left the children
we look for a succession of Standard Bearers, that of those
who have borne the burden and heat of the day are removed
there may be found among the rising generation others who are
prepared to tell to the generations following, 'this is our God
is our God forever and ever, He will be our guide even at death.'

We are favored, at this time, with the company of dear friends
from other yearly meetings, where to longer life may be
blessed.

My dearest, dear sisters, we would say in the language
of the apostle - "Be steadfast, always abounding in the
work of the Lord; wearisome as your labor is not in vain in
the Lord".

Sincerely divided and on behalf of the meeting -

Sarah G. Tobey Clark

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

dear Sisters We trust dear reader, it is with feelings of the
truth as it is in Jesus, that on minds are drawn in sympathy
at this time, to greet you in that love which is the bridge of time.

discipleship, causing us at seasons to joy and rejoice together
with the God of our salvation. The privilege we enjoy in the communing
with our absent brothers of other yearly meetings, or through their agents
comforting to the exiled Christian traveller, forward, thereby
encouraging us to hold on our way in the pursuit of other things;
that make for our present and eternal welfare. Then shall our
dear friends, be joyfully engaged to promote our another
Establishment in the Truth, and in every good word and work
for the welfare of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders.

May the beloved youth, with you and us, be often invited "to
come up to the height of the Lord," and exonerate for themselves
His cause of righteousness in the earth, to be dignified with honor
and a crown with immortality. Then will they be found
more and more co-operating with their elder sisters in the
upholding of that standard on which is inscribed "Holiness
unto the Lord." And we believe they will be often recompensed
with that peace which can alone satisfy a seeking and
engaging mind after righteousness.

This our yearly meeting has been large, and we earnestly
believe the whole is now an all right gathering assembly,
but can mercifully please to cast shadow on minds with
His life giving presence, enabling us to harmonize together, as
humble trust, in a spirit of oneness that breathes the language
"peace on earth and good will to men." We have much enjoyed
the company of many dear friends from other yearly meetings,
whose gospel labors have been instructing and edifying, reaching
on trust, the pure witness in the minds of many, slaying the sin.
doubting to pass onward, comforting the mourners in Zion,
and eliciting the grofeser acknowledgement, "it has been good
for us to believe".

We have, this year, much reason for thankfulness to our
Almighty Father, that the captives have been liberated from
bondage. May we continue to feel and manifest a deep
interest in their advancement in mental and physical
comforts, fearing confident that while thus engaged, in an
assisting Him who heals the sick, and preaches the
sorrows of the poor. And may His spirit fill the
congregation, that we do all that heathen land joins that do
in this good cause, freely acknowledging it to be a duty called
for upon hands.

Your acceptable Spirit of g^trouble last has been

kind, and the charity, comfort and encouragement
extended to us through the meetings, from our sisters of the party.
Meetings have been cheering and comforting to many exercised
men &c.

With the salutation, love and peace, your sister,

Elizabeth Christian and on behalf of the meeting.

Franklin Library Clark

To Indiana yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sisters.

Under a grateful sense of the goodness and mercy of
our Heavenly Father in Heaven, we find ourselves again drawn
together in this our annual assembly, which is large, we do fear
drawn to address you, and acknowledge the receipt of your
accept the Yearly of last year, the reading of which has tended
to our encouragement, and the strengthening your faith in Him
who is Head over His church, - And we have now no way to set the
value of this privilege of its members, notably the weak hands are made
stronger for labor in the master's vineyard. The spirit of kindness
and sympathy which it breathed forth, for the suffering and still
unconquerable oppressed people of color in our land, was responded to
by many hearts, with an earnestness of desire that can always
may ever be manifested, their affliction and trouble.

Our hearts have been bowed under a fresh evidence of the
gathering love of Jesus, which has been spread over us, drawing us
closer together and unto Him, the inexhaustible Fountain of
love, wherein a living exercise has been begotten in the minds of
many dear servants for the advancement of His blessed cause -
and the various states and condition, have been visited with,
to the one of admiration and warning have been raised, and
encouragement also, to know earnestness of purpose in
serving the Lord - That we seek daily to live more up to Him,
and assist each other and the world - That we strive for more
fervency of spirit, for stronger desires after godliness, and an
increase of faith and strength, that we may indeed declare
we are a great work in grace, and in the knowledge of our
Jesus Christ.

Mother have been exerted to more diligence in the important
duty of the family gathering for the daily reading of the Holy
Scriptures and waiting before the Lord, and as often as may be
open the heart, to open upon the family altar the morning
sacrifice and the evening offering. Bless all those

With Great Gladness, we do believe He will transfigure and
help all them who are engaged thus to serve Him, and such
precious work that I the dear children by the peremptory influence
of the Saviour's love, are yet and warning their hearts, drawing them
out themselves, thus keeping them in times of temptation, becoming
as it were a guard round about them. - May all with you and
with us be stimulated under this praiseworthy exercise, which alone can
qualify for my Master's dignity, to the faithful occupancy of the
responsible position in which we are placed, in the culture of the
name to mind committed to us, and the nurturing of them
for Heaven - that the blessed words of approval from the Good Shepherd
may come home to every heart. The haste done what she could. Should
He not meet early to gather the precious lamb into His heavenly garner,
what a source of comfort and consolation to the men of will be,
such seasons of prayer - and may the beloved young sister, on
mention the church books for a succession, be prepared of the Lord to
receive the faithful ministry of the mother in Israel - and make the
sacrifice of a willing heart so acceptable in His sight. He knoweth the
best things, and His reward is with him. Then He will gather into
His fold, He will teach them of His ways, and they will delight to walk
in His paths - May there be an increase of that number who do
know of their sins being washed away in the atoning blood of the Lamb
our only Mediator with the Father in all things, keeping a single
eye to his honor, that His name may be glorified in the earth, who
alone is worthy.

We have at this time the opportunity acceptable opportunity, in many
other friends from other yearly meetings, who have been our messengers
of good in the great love of the Good Shepherd who hath turned their
fetters part of His heritage.

To Christian love, on our young Sister,
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah S. Sibley Clerk

To Weston, pastor, Minister of New Haven Friends
Beloved Sister. The reading of your acceptable Epistle of the 9th

Mr. Weston, and the yearly meeting has afforded
a much comfort and encouragement, and we have been
immensely impressed with the value of such a correspondence,
believe that with me and the promptings of the spirit of the
God of love, it will be blessed to our advancement and
establishment in fact.

Our yearly meeting is largely attended, and go there,
as we are able, in an attempt to do the best I had the church,
my concern has been our organization to be clearly the pointings
of Jesus, and do the guidance of our Holy Leader. Encouraging

To derive under this exercise, how far the cause of our Lord Jesus
has spread over us, and in how much more strong & wide is
each other in Christian sympathy and interest, but the same precious
privilege has extended to our dear absent sister, in this quiet & lonely land.

Many dear friends from the States & Foreign are with us,
and we have been very rejoiced and edified by their kind & interesting
Counsels. The evening indeed, came off Thanksgiving when we prepared
ourselves for an hour with the preparation of the Supper and singing by the
consecrating love of Christ & labor among us.

Numerous subjects of interest and importance have come before us
of late time - The religious education of our children and the
responsible duties devolving upon mothers and teachers have claimed
our thoughtful consideration - The frequent reading of the Holy
Scriptures in our families has been conspicuously cultivated, and we
have decided that none of us may rest satisfied with the mere
cold and formal reading of a few chapters each day, but that
the frequent breathing of our Spirit may be, as in such instruction
from the Sacred volume, "God open thou mine eyes that I may
behold wondrous things out of the law;" as this becomes our prayerful
engagement, and we are favored to study the Bible with Heaven-
anointed eyes, and ponder the glorious gospel truths, we can then
believe that our lives will conform more and more to the precept
and example of our blessed Savior - Christian sympathy will
be more and more apparent amongst us - our reading and
conversation - our daily walk, among men, will be such as
becomes the godly, and even our thoughts will be as brought into
captivity to the obedience of Christ.

A desire to promote the welfare of the Anti-slave, etc. prompted
us to active exertion on their behalf, and we have got fully to
understand that our effort during the past year to ameliorate their
condition, providing many of them with physical comforts and means
of improvement, have been blessed by Him who regards the prop-
erty of the destitute.

We cordially respond, dearest Sir, to the claim for bare expenses
that we may indeed be one in the Lord. "We are your Master's
children, and all ye are brethren" abiding in Him, the great
Teacher of restlessness, I bring to his service my hands and His to bind us,
how precious is the assurance granted us that in seeking a
resting place, that act He putteth on me, and the Lord, and I shall
indeed be may be separated during this exciting pilgrimage, we
may live before the Son whom we have given, blushing the same
glorious promises and finally to provide it not beyond the
limits, when the Lord shall Almighty and exalted in the earth,
and in other places infinite joy.

With the salutation of the beloved & affectionate farewell.
Signed by the author & a beloved member, the Mater.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Saratoga Park Meeting of Mormon Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is a privilege once more to be permitted I must say as a Park Meeting, and in the fresh flavoring of the love of Christ, to fulfil & address you, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistles. With reverent desire to commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father, and to acknowledge His sustaining hand, amidst all the varying scenes and conflicts of this changing world.

The Kingdom of Heaven is within you, is a distinguishing doctrine of our Society, and can we not acknowledge, that, as the work of the spirit is submitted to, the heart will be inclined to listen to the teachings of this inward Monitor - as the love of God is shed abroad in the heart, the Christian will have within him, the true antidote to the love of the world. The power of the world to time will prevail over his various temptations. The Holy Scripture, that can alone make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, will become very precious. Though often tempted - often yielding to temptation, "faint yet pursuing" will be his motto. The promises will become verified in his experience, "He giveth power to the faint, and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength."

Does He will that we should suffer,

Share His crown of sorrow,

Giving service here to day,

Reign with Him to morrow.

Truly must we acknowledge the hand of an almighty Ruler of the universe, in so ordering the affairs of our beloved Country, that light has at last shone through the darkness. Turn to Heavenly Father remembered mercy, in the midst of judgment. The oppressed of your land now enjoy the boon of freedom. May He strengthen many hearts to labor in the work of lifting up to a higher life, the down trodden and ignorant, unenlightened, the encroaching language - "as much as ye have done unto them ye have done it unto me."

The subject of family devotion, has claimed the attention of this Meeting - You have been encouraged to cultivate in the minds of the young a love of nature. The teachings of the Savior, as he walked up and down doing good, were full of allusions to the beautiful in nature. The young heart thus improved, will not easily forget these lessons, and through life's various experiences, will draw strength to look "through nature up to natures God."

The indispensable duty of prayer and of asking the divine blessing on all our undertakings has been felt to be the privilege of the slaves.

Now we endeavor to keep our eyes single unto Jesus, having charity toward all men, and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed & directed and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

